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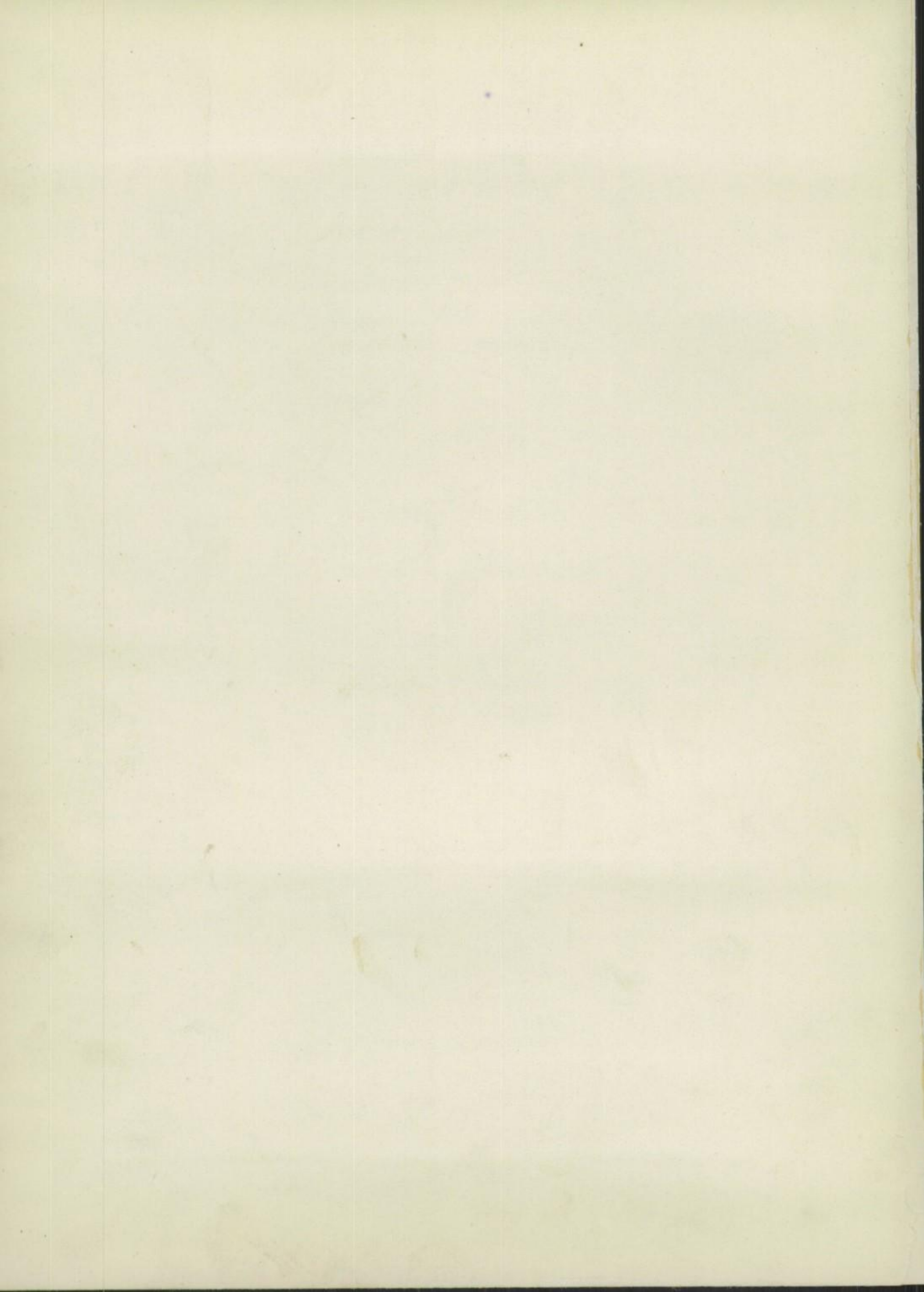
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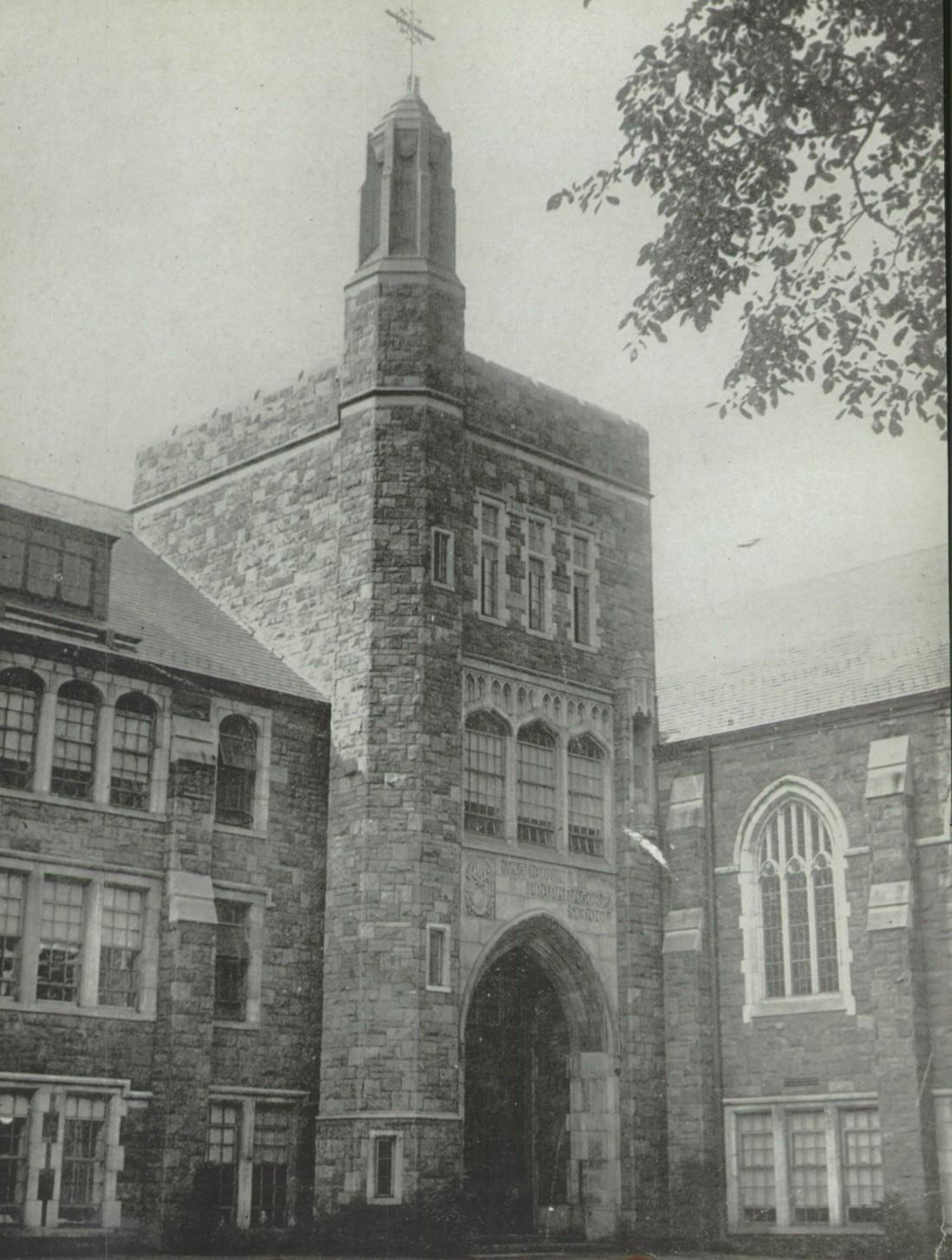
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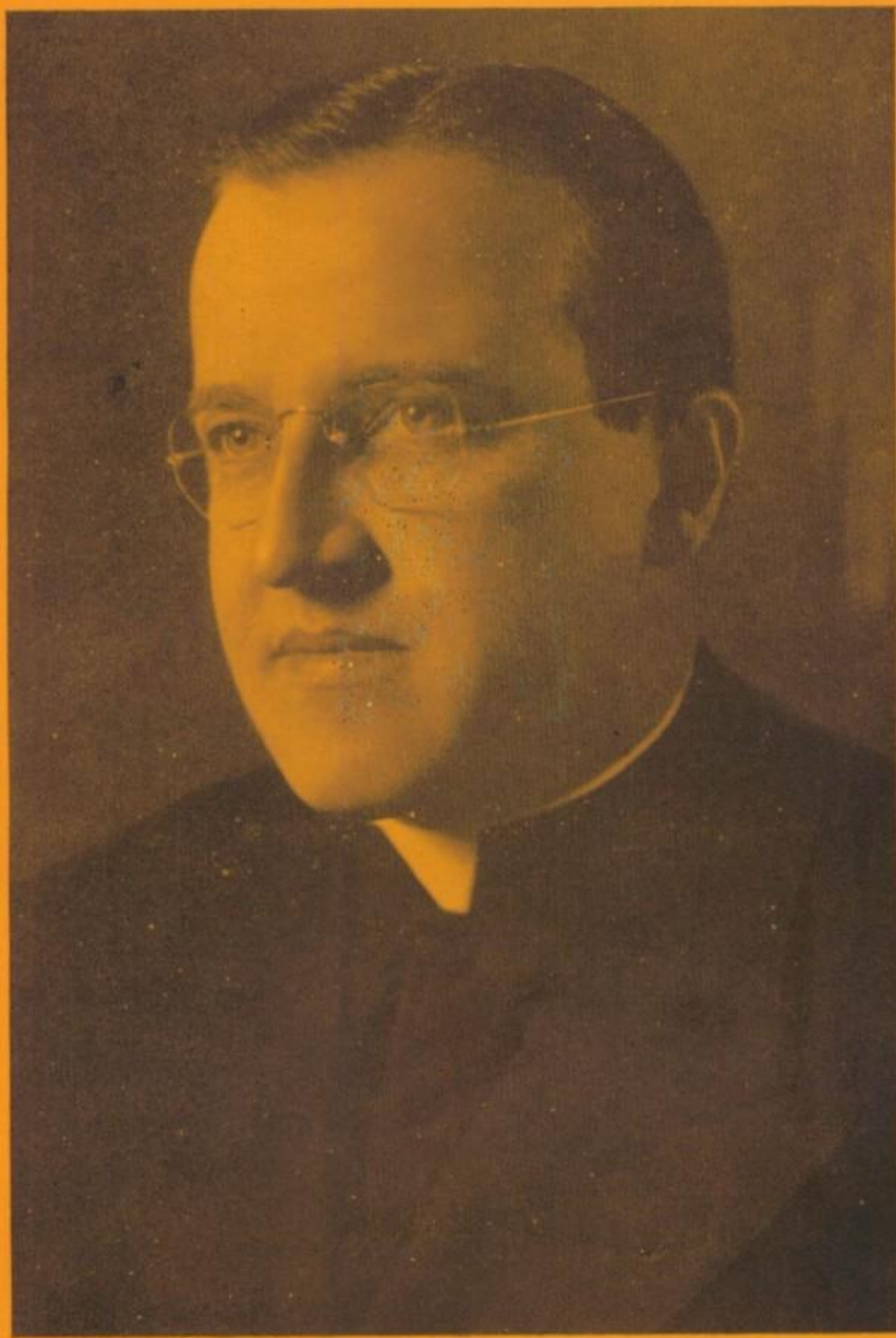


JOHN MARK GANNON, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D.

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With best wishes  
Father McDonald

TO

*The Reverend Robert B. McDonald*

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*The Literulae*

OF

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## *The Literulae of 1946*

The Lake Shore Visitor, August 19, 1921:

"On Friday, August 12, His Lordship, John Mark Gannon, D.D., D.C.L., presiding at a meeting of the Reverend Pastors of the Episcopal City, convened for the purpose of discussing the Christian education of boys of high school grades. The Cathedral Preparatory School for Boys was the expression of the sense of the assembled body and the one result, but of mighty import, achieved."

It was the summer of 1921. Not long before, a new Bishop had been appointed to the See of Erie. Born and reared in Erie, and himself denied the advantages of a Catholic Secondary Education, the new Bishop was keenly aware of the need of a Catholic high school for boys. After conferring with the pastors of the city, Bishop Gannon summoned the Reverend Joseph J. Wehrle, S.T.D., Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, and together they formulated plans for Cathedral Prep. A faculty of four priests and one layman was selected and the school opened on a September morning of 1921.

Twenty-five short years have swiftly passed since that memorable day and we, the Class of '46, find ourselves in the unique position of graduating at the end of a quarter of a century of our school's existence. We humbly dedicate this yearbook to the commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of Cathedral Prep and deem it only fitting that we honor that group of '21, the Most Reverend John Mark Gannon, the first faculty, and the first boys to attend the Cathedral Preparatory School for Boys.

Not forgetting, however, that the purpose of a yearbook is to be the embodiment of our fondest memories of school life, we shall endeavor to the best of our ability, to capture the essence of those humorous incidents, and those odd, but somewhat heart-warming occurrences, which have always been an integral part of our stay at Prep. Then perhaps in years to come, this, our edition of the *Literulae*, may recall many hazy thoughts from the intangible depths of a sea of oblivion, that we may relive in retrospect those experiences which delighted us in Prep school days.

This *Literulae*, then, has a twofold purpose: To commemorate the Past; and in our own way, To immortalize the Present.

Edward Babowicz, '46  
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## *Our Happiest Years*

**F**OUR of the shortest years of our lives have passed, leaving only their pleasant memories to grace the otherwise void halls through which Father Time so kindly permitted us to roam. It seems only yesterday that a group of boys eager in the pursuit of knowledge assembled in the magnificent Cathedral to assist at Mass before wending their way to the Old Prep. We attended school in the catacombs.

Gone are the days of the crowded study hall, the noon-day rush for lunch, the chairs that served as hat rack and locker. Gone, but not forgotten are the piles of reference books that served as library, the days in which Prep's basketball games were played on borrowed courts, and her football teams struggled on despite lack of facilities and financial difficulties.

Always to dwell in our memories is the thrill of expectation as we watched the first excavation for the new school and puzzled over each additional one, the excitement that surged through us as the noble walls that were to shelter Christian education rose to majestic heights. How our hearts beat with pride when we were allowed at last to enter the glorious portals which opened the way for an "old Prep School education" in a fine new building.

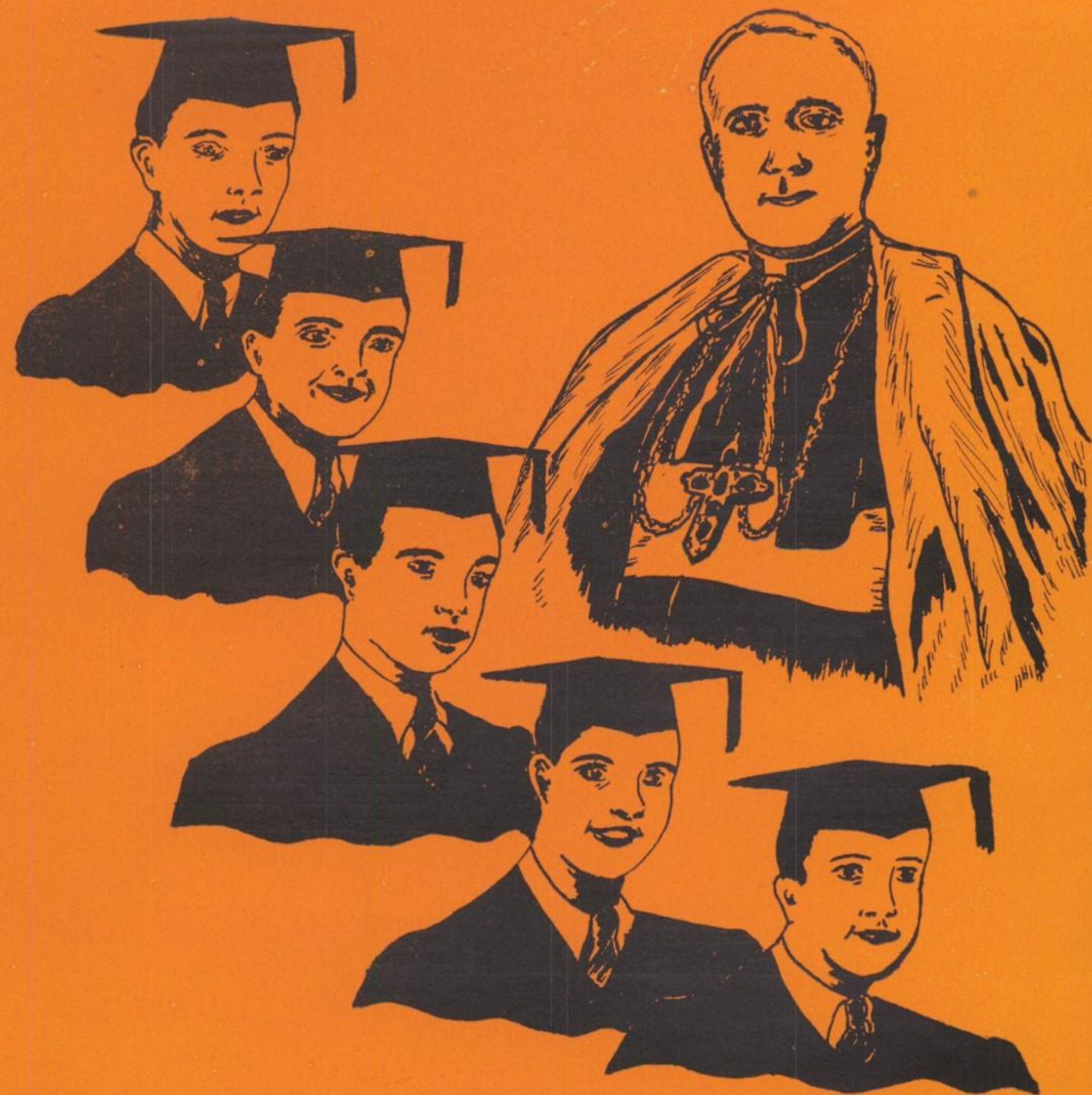
The class of '46 is proud to have been a part in this new plan, a tile in the mosaic of Catholic education; proud to have been able to share the old and the new schools; to have had a part in blending the traditions of the old into the stout heart of the new.

We have come to realize that it is not the building that makes the school, but the individuals who with their trials and triumphs are the bricks and the mortar which fashion and adorn a school with traditions, scholastic ability, and spirit. We who stand on the threshold of tomorrow feel certain that the students of the future will strive to preserve this spirit, to know the meaning of goodfellowship, to cherish its traditions, and to preserve its scholarship. We pray that they will profess and practice their faith according to the principles inculcated by our noble priests, the instructors of Religion at Prep. This has been Prep. Keep it always as such.

It is now our duty as Class of '46 to bid farewell to all that has given us much happiness and say good-bye to the school we love so dearly. As graduation day looms on the horizon, we find many of our classmates in the service of their country. However they will be with us in spirit on that great day because they will be remembered by all who remain behind. We leave the school looking forward to a bright future, thankful for the kindness and generosity of our teachers who have spared nothing that our quest for knowledge might be satisfied, and ever grateful to our beloved Bishop, founder and builder of Cathedral Prep.

*James Murray, '46.*





# SENIORS





JOSEPH MICHAEL AUGUST  
Holy Rosary Parish  
"Augie"

"THY MODESTY'S A CANDLE TO THY MERIT."

—Fielding

When Joe came to us from St. Patrick's he brought with him scholastic ability plus his wide grin—both for which he was well-known. Socially inclined, he had a keen interest in all activities here at Prep and was a staunch supporter of all of them. At present Joe is serving his time with the United States Army, but will shortly return to Erie to take up his task of preparing for the future.



EDWARD BOLESZLAW BABOWICZ  
St. Stanislaus Parish  
"Ed"

"BUT TO HEAR HIS SYMPHONIES WAS TO TASTE OF HEAVEN."—Anon.

Ed is a talented musician as well as being an all around good fellow. He is a prominent member of the Glee Club, and an accomplished piano player of classical music. He is a brilliant student, leading his class in scholastic achievement. His efforts as editor of the Rambler prove him to be an able writer. Ed did a fine job, also, as chairman of the decoration committee for the Senior Prom. He plans to take a pre-medical course, and his choice is either Notre Dame or Georgetown. We are sure he will make good and be a credit to Cathedral Prep.

## T H E I 9 4 6

GERALD PATRICK BECHTOLD  
St. Peter's Cathedral  
"Jerry"

"HE'S A GOOD MAN, I'LL SAY THAT FOR HIM, AND A TRUE CHRISTIAN EVERY INCH OF HIM."

—Shakespeare

"Jerry" came to Prep from Wilson High School in his sophomore year. In the fall of that year he went out for football and captured a first string guard position. His junior year found him calling the signals from the quarterback spot, and doing a good job of it, too. Jerry was a member of the Student Council for two years. He joined the Navy during the summer of 1946 and, therefore, was not able to captain the varsity football squad this past year. Jerry is seriously contemplating the idea of making the Navy his career.

GERHARD MATTHEW BINNA  
St. Mary Parish  
"Bingo"

"I SHALL NE'ER BE 'WARE OF MY OWN WIT, TILL I BREAK MY SHINS AGAINST IT."—Shakespeare

Friendly, cheerful and easy to get along with, Bingo entered Prep with a St. Mary Grade School education behind him. German is Bingo's specialty, for having spoken it all his life, it comes very easy to him. He is very fond of the water and can often be seen boating or fishing on Lake Erie. Whenever decorations are needed for our dances, Gerhard contributes his many novel ideas. Gerhard feels that he would like to continue in the Shoe Business after serving a hitch with the Navy.







RICHARD EDMUND BUCKEL  
St. Mary Parish  
"Dick"

"HE WAS WONT TO SPEAK PLAIN AND TO THE PURPOSE."—*Shakespeare*

Dick joined us in the junior year, September 1944. An excellent humorist with keen wit, he has always been popular with his classmates as a friend worth having. He enjoys swimming and takes advantage of the natural facilities which Erie affords those interested in aquatic sports. Dick excels in his scholastic program, particularly in the study of German. Dick has no definite plans for his future, but he is interested in pharmacy. However, he thinks he should follow in his father's footsteps and be an optician.



JOHN EDWARD BULES  
Holy Family Parish  
"Johnnie"

"GRATITUDE IS A FRUIT OF GREAT CULTIVATION: YOU DO NOT FIND IT AMONG GROSS PEOPLE."

—*Samuel Johnson*

Johnnie entered Prep from the Holy Family School. He attended Erie Tech during the first semester of his sophomore year, and then returned to Prep to finish his high school training. Johnnie joined the Merchant Marines in the summer of 1945, sailing to Bermuda and the Bahama Islands. Johnnie spends his after-school hours at the Laver Greenhouses. His great ambition is to enroll in a good school of finance with an eye to a position with the Ohio National Insurance Company.

## L I T E R U L A E

JOSEPH ROSS BURKHART  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Bones"

"SOME GOOD I MEAN TO DO."—*Shakespeare*

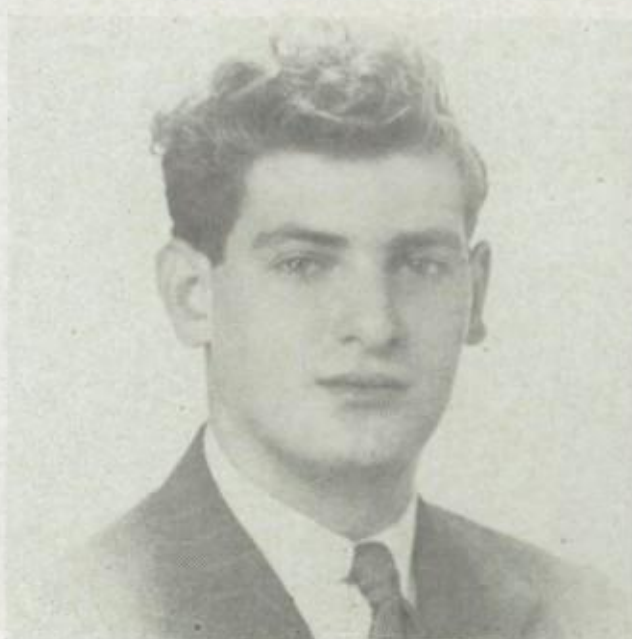
Bones comes to us from the Sacred Heart Grade School bringing with him his modest sense of humor and his generous smile. In the athletic field, he enjoys football and basketball, serving on the junior varsity team in both these sports. He has a special liking for dances and parties, and has a special mania for cracking up automobiles. He spends his free days in the fall tramping through the woods, looking for rabbits and squirrels. After a hitch in the Navy, Joseph plans to take up architectural engineering.

JAMES JOSEPH CARIDEO  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Cards"

"A CALM UNRUFFLED GENTLEMAN WAS HE."

—*Anon.*

Cards was one of the mighty five who made basketball history for the surprising Prep Ramblers this year. His trick shots made him one of the most dangerous scoring threats of the 45-46 season. This past year, Cards was elected to the Student Council by a large student following. Because his worries are few and he lets tomorrow take care of itself, his curly black hair will never be tinted with gray. His most interesting subject is mathematics and it is this subject he hopes to use while serving his hitch in the Navy.







CARL LOUIS CARLOTTI  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Legs"

"THOUGH VANQUISHED, HE WOULD ARGUE STILL."  
—Goldsmith.

Carl is a tall, easy-going fellow with a booming voice which nearly exceeds his stature. He will always be remembered as a basketball star, having begun his career as a member of the championship team of '42, back in the days of the grade school training. After graduating, Carl thinks the army needs him, so, plans to do a hitch there. If his fighting spirit is as good as his school spirit, we do not have to be afraid of the enemy. When Carl returns from the army, he plans to take up the study of law.



THOMAS MARCUS CAVANAUGH  
St. Mary Parish  
"Irish"

"I SHALL BE AS SECRET AS THE GRAVE."  
—Cervantes.

A good sport, a square shooter, rather quiet most of the time—these are some of the qualities that identify Irish Cavanaugh. Tom came to Prep in his sophomore year, having spent his first year at East High. At Prep he proved himself a quick thinker and a good mathematician. Irish likes the water and all aquatic sports. He is also active and loyal in attending all athletic activities. Tom is interested in civil engineering and will attend college to study it, after leaving Prep. We wish him the best of luck.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

CHARLES RAYMOND COLVIN  
Cathedral Parish  
"Charlie"

"WHO MIXED REASON WITH PLEASURE, AND WISDOM WITH MIRTH."—Goldsmith.

Eight years at the Cathedral Grade School prepared Charlie for entrance into the Pontifical College Josephinum. After one year there he came home to Prep as a sophomore. His popularity, ability and talents were recognized with such offices as junior class president, treasurer of the Student Council, and president of the Student Council. Charlie is an all-out athlete holding the positions of football guard, basketball captain, and baseball player. Class leader that he is, we all expect Charlie to have a bright and successful future.

DURWARD MICHAEL COX  
St. James Parish  
Wesleyville, Pa.

"ABOVE THE VULGAR FLIGHT OF COMMON SOULS."  
—Murphy.

Durward came to Prep in his junior year following his conversion to the Catholic faith. He is now a member of St. James Parish. If silence is golden, Durward is a mint. At all times he is a perfect gentleman with a remarkable faculty for concentration and an ability to study under the most adverse conditions. His favorite subjects are Spanish and Latin; and in time of recreation, he enjoys reading, painting and horseback riding. After finishing at Prep, he plans to enter the Maryknoll Seminary to become a missionary priest.







JOSEPH BURTON DAHLKEMPER  
St. George Parish  
"Joe"

"MY HEART IS TRUE AS STEEL."—*Shakespeare.*

Joe came to us in his freshman year from the Central School at Summit Township. Since his entrance into Prep, he has been pursuing a classical course with all the difficult subjects in the curriculum: Greek, Latin and trigonometry. Joe has many hobbies, but he likes particularly to dance, his father's car, girls in general, and a surplus of exciting games. He has a super-abundance of school spirit. Joe intends to enter a mortuary school after his graduation from Prep. We wish him the best of luck possible.



JOHN FRANCIS DIEHL  
St. John Parish  
"Windy"

"BID ME DISCOURSE, I WILL ENCHANT THEE."

—*Shakespeare*

Windy, a talented musician, is well-known and liked at Prep. He is an enthusiastic sports fan and may be found rooting for Prep at every game. When Windy was a sophomore, he organized an orchestra which played for many school dances. At the present time, he is undecided as to whether or not he will continue his education. If he decides to go further, he wants to go to Gannon College to take up a business administration course.

## L I T E R U L A E

JOHN J. DOYLE  
St. Patrick Parish  
"Jack"

"I AM SURE CARE'S AN ENEMY TO LIFE."

—*Shakespeare.*

Pleasant, starry-eyed, smiling and Irish—that's our John. Whenever there is an hour to spare, John is to be found down on the bay with his boat, "Lazy Lady." In his junior year, he became a clerk in the Erie Post Office, which position he held until just recently when he gave it to a returning veteran. John intends to study business and engineering administration. We wish you well, John.

DAVID EDWARD DUDENHOEFER  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Dudey"

"FOR SCIENCE IS . . . LIKE VIRTUE, ITS OWN EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD."—*Kingsley.*

"Dudey" is probably more friendly and well-liked than any other boy in the class. Although he started at Prep in the second semester of his sophomore year, he became a good friend to everybody and consequently mixed well into the life of the students. He was a good student and exceptionally so in mathematics and science. Dave had been employed in a drug store where he acquired an excellent foundation in pharmacy, a field he really likes. Then in the middle of his senior year, he entered the Air Corps where he is now studying meteorology.







DONALD WILLIAM ESTER  
St. Patrick Parish  
"Willie"

"WHY DO YOU TALK, AND TALK, AND TALK?"

—Alfred Kreymborg

Willie is a tall, blond freckled lad, possessing a peculiarly pleasing personality. He spends much of his time during the summer sailing on Presque Isle Bay; during the winter, he improves a rather good game of pool. While at Prep, he has become an expert basketball player and swimmer, the success of which can be accredited to his do-or-die-spirit. Willie has at his command a powerful voice which always has an adequate come-back for any situation—a resourceful gift well adapted to a successful career as a lawyer.



ROBERT JOSEPH FERRETTI  
Holy Rosary Parish  
"Emmett"

"THE DAY SHALL NOT BE UP SO SOON AS I, TO TRY  
THE FAIR ADVENTURE OF TOMORROW."

—Shakespeare

Emmett came to Prep from Holy Rosary in his freshman year. He will be remembered in Prep Basketball annals for saving the day at Johnstown when he sank two birdies in the last two minutes of play. He has a high scholastic ranking, winning a place on the honor roll many times during his four years at Prep. His favorite subjects are algebra and chemistry. Emmett would like to enter Gannon College after his graduation from Prep in order to prepare himself for the business world.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

JAMES EDWARD FIEDLER  
Blessed Sacrament Parish  
"Jim"

"HE WAS A SCHOLAR, AND A RIPE AND GOOD ONE."

—Shakespeare.

Jim is recognized among his classmates as a quiet, extremely likeable fellow, and is one of the most studious of Prepsters. Being a classical student, he usually can be found working on a Greek or Latin translation. His ability to draw humorous sketches and his keen imagination would adapt him well for a "career cartoonist." Jim expects to go to work for the government soon after graduation in the familiar khaki uniform. He seems to be leaning toward the priesthood and it is quite possible that this will be his life's work.

EDWARD STANISLAUS FILIPKOWSKI  
St. Stanislaus Parish

"NO LEGACY IS SO RICH AS HONESTY."

—Shakespeare.

Cheerful, courteous and well-groomed, Filip has won the admiration of all his classmates. He is a product of St. Stanislaus Grade School. He came to Prep in his freshman year and has been with us throughout his four years. He takes a keen interest in all athletics, but his ambition to play on the football team was cut short by the necessity of working in his dad's confectionery store after school-hours. His future plans are still somewhat hazy, but he thinks he would like to be one of Erie's successful business men.







ALFRED WILLIAM FISCHER  
St. Joseph Parish  
"Al"

"I WILL BE THE PATTERN OF ALL PATIENCE: I WILL SAY NOTHING."—*Shakespeare.*

Quiet, soft-spoken and friendly are the characteristics which make Alfred one of our most liked classmates, and which win for him a respect that should be a great asset to a successful life. Al doesn't mind school, that is why he is an excellent student of physics. He spends his leisure time building airplanes, playing ping-pong and bowling. At present his ambition is to become a successful engineer at a local plant.



RICHARD EDWARD FORMAINI  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Dick"

"AND SMOOTH AS MONUMENTAL ALABASTER."  
—*Shakespeare.*

Dick hailed from the Sacred Heart Grade School, and brought his popularity with him. His prowess as a member of the football squad and his friendliness to all his classmates made him a well-liked Prepster. Dick's favorite subjects are mathematics and science. Dick's best enjoyed pastimes are driving his car, dancing and shooting a good game of pool. "Formaini Pharmacy" may be the sign we shall find in the future, advertising our Dick; or maybe the sign will read, "Edward Formaini, Pharmacist." The best of luck, Dick.

## L I T E R U L A E

EARL GERALD GALVIN  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Jerry"

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL."—*Shakespeare.*

Bringing with him a friendly smile and his well-known "auto mis-haps," Jerry entered Prep after eight years of preliminary training at Sacred Heart Grade School. He is one of those fellows who gets acquainted easily, and, as a result, he became popular shortly after his entrance. Jerry enjoys dancing, and whenever Prep sponsors a dance, you will be sure to find him there. Business college is Jerry's choice of future education, for some day he hopes to be counted as one of Erie's successful business men.



DONALD ALBERT GUNTHER  
St. John Parish  
"Gunder"

"TRUTH FROM HIS LIPS PREVAILED WITH DOUBLE SWAY."—*Goldsmith.*

Gunder, as we all know him, five ten, husky and blond, excels in German and mathematics. His ability to answer all questions quickly, together with his slow easy drawling voice, makes him well-liked by teachers and students. He is an ardent sports fan whose name appeared in the football line-ups, but his real joy in life is hunting with plenty of dogs and guns around for company. Don plans to mold his future in the field of electronics.







GEORGE FRANCIS HAGLE  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Georgie"

"DARLING-DARLING-DARLING-DARLING; SAID THE CHINESE NIGHTINGALE."—*Vachel Lindsay.*

After eight years spent in the Sacred Heart Grade School, Georgie came to Prep. He is a fellow you can't help liking. Many of his friends think he has a remarkable resemblance to Mickey Rooney. He enjoys mathematics and physics, considering them a practical basis for his future work as a draftsman or an engineer. He is always active in extra-curricular work. During his sophomore year, he was assistant manager of the football team, and he played guard on the team during his last two years. George has been very helpful on many dance and prom committees. We wish him luck in all his future undertakings.



NORBERT HAROLD HARDNER  
St. Patrick Parish  
"Norb"

"I MIND MY COMPASS AND MY WAY."—*Greene.*

Quiet, sociable and industrious—that's Norb as he appears to all his classmates. Because of these traits, Norb has found a warm place in the hearts of the Prepsters. A boy of superior scholastic ability, he has attained high honors during his four years at Prep, excelling mainly in mathematics. Norb's hobbies and pastimes are hunting, fishing and taking care of sailboats. He is part owner of the "Lazy Lady," with John Doyle as the other half. He has no definite plans for the future, but we who know him are sure that his diligence will be rewarded.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

JOHN EDWARD JORDAN  
St. Mary Parish  
"Jughead"

"I BEAR A CHARMED LIFE."—*Shakespeare.*

Pleasant, well-liked and the possessor of a perpetual smile—in a few words. That sums up any account of our own "Jughead." He might be one of those classified as the typical high school student. We remember him from our very first days at Prep, and since then we have grown to associate the qualities of cheerfulness and gaiety with him. "Jug's" ability as a conversationalist and a singer have made him a tradition in our class. At the present time he is serving in the Navy. We wish him all the luck in the world—he deserves it.

JEROME JOSEPH KEARNEY  
St. Ann Parish  
"Jerry"

"MEN OF FEW WORDS ARE THE BEST MEN."

—*Shakespeare.*

Shy, silent and sober. That's the impression you get of Jerry when you first meet him. But as you grown to know and understand him, you find that he is an all around good fellow. Jerry was the manager of the basketball team during his junior and senior years at Prep, and he handled the job expertly. He is fond of almost every sport, but has a special liking for swimming. He expects to enter Gannon College in September, and we know he will make good.







ROBERT JOSEPH KINEM  
Holy Family Parish  
"Bob"

"O HOW FULL OF BRIERS IS THIS WORKING-DAY WORLD."—*Shakespeare.*

Robert came to us in his freshman year after completing eight years of training at Holy Family School. He joined the tennis team in his sophomore year and made good at second-man position, for which he received several letters. Religion seems to be his favorite subject. Much of Bob's time is spent helping his father, who deals in radio and electrical appliances. Bob's knowledge in this field has helped the class many times in their preparation for dances. His future seems to be centered in this field for he plans to go into business with his father.



CARL FRANCIS KLAN  
St. Stanislaus Parish

"MY REMEMBRANCE IS VERY FREE AND CLEAR FROM ANY IMAGE OF OFFENSE DONE TO ANY MAN."  
—*Shakespeare.*

Carl is the quiet, unassuming type of fellow who is the backbone of any school. He can be depended upon for assistance in all activities of the school, social or otherwise, giving wholehearted support. His fine deportment, in and out of class, is a credit to his training at St. Stanislaus. Carl became a charter member of the Glee Club at its formation and since then has always taken an active interest in it. After he leaves Prep, Carl intends to further his education at a college, yet to be decided upon. The field of aeronautics appeals to him.

## L I T E R U L A E

NORBERT JOHN KRAUS  
St. John Parish  
"Nobby"

"I HOPE I SHALL HAVE LEISURE TO MAKE GOOD."  
—*Shakespeare.*

Quiet, pleasant and well-liked, Nobby's slow speech and attractive personality have won him the friendship of everyone who knows him. Nobby is a natural athlete, and due to his gifted ability as a runner, he is known as the "Marvintown meteor." He likes mathematics and science equally well. His usual line of conversation runs to discussing wrestling, hunting and the like. His little black Ford is his constant companion, which he rewires every day. Nobby is doubtful as to his future, but we all know that he will be a success in whatever field he chooses.

JAMES ROBERT KRESS  
Cathedral Parish  
"Jimmy"

"THE TIME OF LIFE IS SHORT; TO SPEND THAT SHORTNESS BASELY WERE TOO LONG."—*Shakespeare.*

After having spent three years at school out of town, serious minded Jimmy, as he is known to his friends, came back to Prep to finish his high school course. He is looking forward to his lot as an army inductee because he feels that the training there will benefit him when he returns to become associated with his uncle's engineering firm in New York. He is adept at "fixing" broken articles, the study of electricity is his hobby, and his trumpet is his pride and joy.







RICHARD JOSEPH LIEBEL  
St. Mary Parish  
"Dick"

"SHALL I CALL THEE BIRD OR BUT A WANDERING VOICE?"—*Shelley*.

Dick is a cheerful young person about to enter the navy where he hopes to get into some line of work at which to use his physics. His hobby is working with electrical appliances and motors. Dick has kept himself very busy in the past two years. His best liked sports are hunting and fishing. Dick has always been interested in all class functions, but, due to his work after school, was not always able to lend a helping hand. He is the best singer in the Glee Club and carries most of the volume in the bass section.



LEO JOSEPH LIJEWSKI  
St. Stanislaus Parish  
"Leo"

"HIS PENCIL WAS STRIKING, RESISTLESS AND GRAND."—*Goldsmith*.

Tall, thin and blond, "leo" was liked by everyone. He was well-known for his gentle nature and was always ready to console us when we needed sympathy. His name was always associated with joy and happiness. Leo played on the junior varsity football team in his sophomore year, and in his junior year he played on the varsity. He served on both junior and senior prom committees. Being an exceptionally good artist, he has painted several pictures. At present, Leo is serving with the Armed Forces. When he returns he plans to take up Commercial Art.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

CARL GROVER LONGNECKER  
St. Andrew Parish

"AN ABRIDGMENT OF ALL THAT WAS PLEASANT IN MAN."—*Goldsmith*.

Carl Grover Longnecker hails from St. Andrew Grade School. He is an enthusiastic sports fan and a brilliant student of mathematics and science. Carl is well-liked and admired by the students and the faculty, alike. His favorite winter sport is ice-skating on the bay, and he spends most of his leisure time there. Carl's pleasing disposition has made for him many friends among his fellow seniors. After graduation, he will enter the automobile sales business, the army permitting.

DONALD SAMUEL MALMBERG  
St. John Parish  
"Don"

"THE FORCE OF HIS OWN MERIT MAKES HIS WAY."—*Shakespeare*.

Don is a born leader and a fine athlete. However, Prep had to dispense with his services this year as he suffered a displaced shoulder bone in his junior year. He is a shining light in the German class. The Navy V-5 program seems to hold a great interest for him just now; and if he receives an appointment, we know he will be a credit to Prep. As this well-known and popular student leaves the ranks, our very best wishes go with him.







JOHN ALBERT MANCINI  
St. Tobias Parish  
Brockway, Pa.  
"Chicko"

"GREAT WORKS ARE PERFORMED NOT BY STRENGTH BUT BY PERSEVERANCE."—Johnson.

Taking his first step toward the priesthood, Chick entered Prep at the beginning of his senior year. He played center on the football team and played a bang-up game. Baseball and boxing also hold his interest. Algebra, Latin and religion are his most interesting subjects. Because of his sunny disposition, he has made many friends here at Prep. He is vice-president of the Dramatic Club of St. Mark Seminary, and a member of the Student Council at Prep. He would like to enter St. Bonaventure College after graduation.



VINCENT THOMAS MANNARELLI  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Tom"

"THEN HE WILL TALK—GOOD GODS! HOW HE WILL TALK!"—Lee.

Tom entered the portals of Prep in 1942 and for that privilege he is duly grateful. He has worked enthusiastically on all class activities. He has done well in his class endeavors, and is noted for his jokes of corn-straight-off-the-cob. He likes swimming and golfing. Tom would like to further his education as he aims to become one of our leading doctors. Georgetown is his college.

## L I T E R U L A E

EARL LOUIS MAY  
St. John Parish

"A MAN HE SEEMS OF CHEERFUL YESTERDAYS AND CONFIDENT TOMORROWS."—Wordsworth.

Earl is interested principally in science; although he considers English and mathematics equally important. He spends many happy hours hunting and fishing. His car is his most interesting hobby, and he spends hours "tuning up" the motor. Active and interested in all class affairs, Earl is found in the hum of every social event of Prep. A college education is his greatest ambition. However, Uncle Sam will have first priority on him.

PAUL EMIL MILLER  
St. Andrew Parish  
"Happy Boy"

"IN TWO RULES HE SUMMED THE ENDS OF MAN: KEEP ALL YOU HAVE AND TRY FOR ALL YOU CAN."  
—Bulwer.

Emil "Happy Boy" Miller received his early education at Villa Maria Grade School and St. Andrew. His hobby is building gas model airplanes, some of which have carried off prizes. He is also interested in repairing and rebuilding motors. Emil likes all sports, but enjoys particularly a good tennis match or a swim in the lake. After graduating, he intends to continue his education—his ultimate goal being one of Erie's leading auto supply men.







JAMES ALEXANDER MINTON  
Cathedral Parish  
"Jim"

"YOUR NAME IS GREAT IN MOUTHS OF WISEST CENSURE."—*Shakespeare.*

Jim, our cheerful football captain, has an ever-ready smile and a good word for all. He is interested in every activity his class undertakes, always ready to do his share and to lend a helping hand whenever it is needed. During the summer months, Jim's "fore" is heard over many of the city's golf courses. He was a class reporter for the Rambler during his junior year, and this year he served his class as a member of the Student Council. His hobbies include dancing, ping-pong and outdoor sports. Jim hopes to enter the field of medicine.



RONALD PHILIP MULLANEY  
Cathedral Parish  
"Ronnie"

"A FINISHED GENTLEMAN FROM TOP TO TOE."  
—*Byron.*

Well-liked, quiet, reserved and popular, Ronnie, has always figured prominently in all school events. His quick wit, combined with his pleasant voice and quizzical eye, has earned for him popularity as well as honors. His favorite subject is English. He is an excellent speaker, and he enjoys reading short stories and novels classed among the best. Ronnie will some day make headlines as one of Pennsylvania's best lawyers sent out by Duquesne University. Won't Prep be proud?

## T H E 1 9 4 6

JAMES PHILIP MURRAY  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Jim"

"A GENTLEMAN TO HIS FINGERTIPS."—*Horace.*

James Philip comes from the Sacred Heart School. He has held many positions and important offices throughout his four years at Prep. He was associate editor of the Rambler in his junior year, and senior class president. Jim enjoys skating, tennis, golfing and swimming. Music and painting absorb most of his free time. Jim hopes to enter pre-medical school in the fall.



JAMES FRANCIS NORTHUP  
St. Andrew Parish  
"Jimmy"

"COME, GIVE US A TASTE OF YOUR QUALITY."  
—*Shakespeare.*

Jimmy is the type of fellow who always works independently. Quiet as he is, however, he can always be depended upon for whole-hearted support in all class affairs. Coming to us from St. Andrew Grade School, he brought with him a fine record of deportment. Although Jimmy is a good student, he finds considerable time after school for horseback riding, and horse training. Whenever Prep plays a football game, Jim is found in the stands cheering for his team. Physics is his favorite class. Jimmy intends to enter college and become an electrical engineer of the future.





*Delmar R. Palmer*



DELMAR REGINALD PALMER  
St. Joseph Parish  
"Doc"

"HE WEARS THE ROSE OF YOUTH UPON HIM."  
—Shakespeare.

Doc, as we all know him, has been our scientific wonder boy. He has been an excellent student in all three sciences—chemistry, biology and physics. Doc was always there to take an active part in all class affairs. His name is always found on committee lists, no matter what work is to be done. His hobby is music, and he is interested in several musical instruments. He expects to follow in his father's footsteps—the study of medicine.



LOUIS WALTER PAULY  
St. John Parish  
"Louie"

"TO FRIENDSHIP EVERY BURDEN'S LIGHT."—Gay.

Should you see an old ford tearing down the street, Louie, our mad scientist, will be at the wheel. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and his free days are spent working hard at them. Louie is quite proficient in mathematics and science, and German is his pet language. In other words, he is a big spark to set things going scholastically, as well as otherwise. His aim is to become one of Erie's leading business executives.

## L I T E R U L A E

JAMES STEPHEN POLATAS  
Holy Family Parish  
"Jim"

"HIS BETTER DOTH NOT BREATHE ON EARTH."  
—Shakespeare.

Jim came to Prep from the Holy Family Grade School, where he was a most proficient student of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis. He still holds his place among the above-the-average students. He is a loyal Prepster in every sense of the word. Jim is always found at all school activities helping wherever needed, rooting for the team or doing clean-up duties after social affairs. Physics is his most interesting study, and swimming, his favorite sport. He is a banner member of the Prep swimming team. Jim plans to enter college to continue his education if the naval service does not interfere.



TERRENCE REAGAN III  
St. Andrew Parish  
"Terry"

"HE WAS A MAN, TAKE HIM FOR ALL IN ALL."  
—Shakespeare.

This budding scientist received his early training at St. Andrew Grade School, from which he entered into Prep. Terry is a capable worker in any field in which he finds himself—a good student, an artistic decorator for Proms, and a hard working business manager for the Rambler. Always an active class worker in any undertaking, he has proved his value to Prep many times. With a driving determination to better himself, Terry hopes to enter college and excel in the field of chemistry.







JOSEPH VALENTINE RESZKOWSKI  
St. Stanislaus Parish  
"Joe"

"THY SOUL WAS LIKE A STAR AND DWELT APART."  
—Wordsworth.

Joe is a lad who can hold his own place on the honor roll each quarter. Before entering St. Mark Seminary, he was active in all social events. He is well liked by his classmates and holds the respect of all. Mathematics has always been his favorite subject, and he hopes to teach it here at Prep in future years. He is senior class vice-president, and he is also president of the Mission Society of St. Mark Seminary. Joe is one upon whom we can depend for assistance in any extra-curricular activity. After leaving Prep, he intends to continue his studies for the priesthood.



RICHARD SAMUEL RETTGER  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Dick"

"AYE, EVERY INCH A KING."—Shakespeare.

Dick's interests have always been in the field of sports. Playing junior varsity in his freshman and sophomore years, Dick followed through to play catcher on the baseball team in his junior and senior years. He likes to attend all sports events and is a consistent rooter for good old Prep. Dick's favorite subject is physics. He has had experience in both grocery and hardware stores, and promises to be an excellent business man. His plans for the future are undecided as the army is waiting for him to graduate.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

THOMAS GERARD RINN  
St. Andrew Parish  
"Tommy"

"I HATE ALL FASTING AS THE GRAVE."—Anon.

Tommy was a model student at St. Andrew Grade School and ranks above the average at Prep. He takes an active interest in all class affairs. He was a member of the Rambler Staff in his junior year and served on the decorating committees for both the junior and senior proms. His most interesting study is biology, in which he excels as an avid "cutter-upper." Painting is his hobby. Tommy is the president of the Dramatic Club of St. Mark Seminary. After finishing at Prep, he plans to continue his studies at Gannon College with the priesthood as his goal.

RICHARD THOMAS ROBERTS  
Sacred Heart Parish  
"Dick"

"YOU HEAR THIS FELLOW IN THE CELLARAGE."  
—Shakespeare.

Dick may be described as a very lively lad. His favorite subjects are Latin and Spanish. Dick has made the honor roll several times. In the field of athletics, he was our dynamic third man on the Pioneer Golf team and has earned a letter for basketball. Shooting pool is listed as his favorite hobby, but he also finds time to dance. Although he is a little man, we all recognize his thunderous voice which can be heard at the most distant points of any golf course. He plans to follow his father's footsteps and become a dentist.







FRANCIS LEROY ROACH  
St. Andrew Parish

"HONEST LABOR BEARS A WILLING FACE."

—Dekker.

Francis started off his freshman year with a bang by making the honor roll at the end of the first quarter, and has been an excellent student ever since. Not of the pushing, elbowing type, Francis has always been able to make his presence felt by the quiet force of his personality. His favorite subjects are mathematics, Latin and physics. Although he is highly proficient in all types of mechanics and has an excellent business head, he plans to enter the priesthood.



VINCENT JAMES ROCCO  
St. Anselm Parish  
Swissvale, Pennsylvania  
"Vince"

"IT IS SOMETIMES EXPEDIENT TO FORGET WHAT YOU KNOW."—Syrus.

"Vince" joined us in his freshman year and became widely known as a true Prepster and regular fellow. He supported all activities and never missed a dance or game. "Vince" left us at mid-term to join the Maryknoll Missionaries for which profession we think he is well qualified, and to him go our best regards and prayers. "Vince" will never forget Prep or the Prepsters, all that Prep stands for and above all, the treasured friendships he made in Erie.

## L I T E R U L A E

CARMEN JOSEPH ROMEO  
St. Andrew Parish  
"Joe"

"ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO?"

—Shakespeare.

Joe has an eye for all types of adventure and new business schemes; and wherever we find activity or trouble, we find Romeo arguing his way out of, or into some complicated difficulty. Joe played basketball and football in his junior and senior years, and he has built up an amazing reputation as a handball artist. Mathematics and science are his favorite subjects, and he has made the honor roll several times. His favorite pastime is playing the piano. Joe hopes to affix the title "Dr." to his name some day.

DONALD LEO SCALISE  
St. Joseph Parish  
Warren, Pa.  
"Don"

"GOOD HEART IS WORTH GOLD."—Shakespeare.

Don knocked at Prep's gates at the beginning of his junior year and received a hearty welcome. Don's enthusiasm extended to every part of school life. During his junior year, he played on the basketball team. He has worked well on all Prep committees, and was to be found rooting for Prep on every occasion. He is a great lover of music and his free time is spent listening to the radio. After Don receives his coveted diploma in June, he plans to continue his studies for the priesthood at Gannon College. At present he resides at St. Mark Seminary.







CHARLES JOSEPH SCHEMECK  
Holy Family School  
"Charlie"

"TIRLELESS AT WORK AND PLAY WAS HE."—Anon.

Quiet, unassuming, happy and shy was the Charlie who entered Prep after his graduation from Holy Family School. In the intervening years, we have found Charlie to be a true friend, reliable and trustworthy, a fellow whom students and teachers alike could rely upon. Charlie expects to be adopted by his Uncle Sam for a few years. He intends to enter college when army no longer has designs upon him, or needs him. We shall wait for you, Charlie; in the meantime, we wish you well.



FRANK HAROLD SCHMIDT  
St. John Parish  
"Smitty"

"AND STILL BE DOING, NEVER DONE."—Butler.

Frank, or Smitty as he is better-known, was born and reared in St. John Parish and attended its parochial school before entering the halls of Cathedral Prep. "Smitty" was a perpetually jolly lad and was well-liked by all his classmates. He excelled particularly in the difficult art of building model airplanes and has a numerous collection of trophies to show for his work. This is not the only hobby he indulged, however; he was very skillful in anything that pertained to the use of his hands, being ambidextrous. After his present hitch in the Navy, Smitty expects to finish his education.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

LAWRENCE JOHN SERAFIN  
St. John Parish  
"Larry"

"YOU KNOW THE VERY ROAD INTO HIS KINDNESS AND CANNOT LOSE YOUR WAY.—Shakespeare."

When our beloved Bishop founded St. Mark Seminary and advised all aspirants for the priesthood to board therein, Larry left Kanty College to join us here at Prep at the beginning of his senior year. Larry is well-liked for his friendly disposition and slow, languorous manner, coupled with a fine spirit of cooperation with regard to Prep activities. Larry has done an exceptionally fine job in soliciting advertisements for the yearbook. Good luck, Larry. We know you will succeed.

HAROLD ANTHONY SETH  
Cathedral Parish  
"Harry"

"NONE BUT HIMSELF CAN BE HIS PARALLEL."—Theobald.

Harold, or Harry, moved to Erie from the quaint little town of St. Mary, Pennsylvania. In Erie his suburban home was the stop-off for his peninsula-loving classmates. Perhaps it was through this influence that Harry became such an expert swimmer. It might be that that environment is also responsible for the fascination which holds him when he sees a flower. Someday Harry hopes, as we do too, that he will settle down on a farm and fulfill his life-long ambition of becoming a florist.







RAYMOND CARL SLATER

St. Mary Parish

"Ray"

"LARGE IN STATURE AND LARGE IN INTELLECT."

—Anon.

Ray attended St. Mary Grade School winning many honors as he traveled through the eight grades. Even at Prep, he has taken his place on the honor roll. Ray served on the Rambler Staff and the decoration committee for the prom during his junior year. He has many hobbies, but the most interesting is collecting stamps. After graduating, he intends to go to Gannon College and then on to special training in a good dental school.



FLORIAN JOSEPH STANCZAK

St. Stanislaus Parish

"Flo"

"... BOY, DESPISE NOT LOVE, OR DANCE."—Horace.

Flo entered Prep as a loyal Prepster in his freshman year. He has supported all the school's activities as well as those of their well-known academies. Flo found his place on the school teams and gave his best on the gridiron and the courts. Flo plans to enter Gannon College and then to go on to medical school with the ultimate goal of "specialist" in one of the medical fields.

## L I T E R U L A E

RAYMOND JOHN SULLIVAN

St. Andrew Parish

"Ray"

"THOU DOST FAITHFULLY WHATEVER THOU DOST."

—Old Testament.

Ray is a four-year Prepster from St. Andrew Grade School, who brought his leadership with him. He was chosen vice-president of the class in his freshman year. In his junior year, he was elected to the Student Council and became junior reporter for the Rambler. During his senior year, he played on the football team, was elected to the Student Council, later becoming its secretary, and served on the Senior Prom Committee. Ray plans to enter Gannon College to study for a mechanical engineering degree. "The best of everything that's good," is our toast to Ray, the ideal Prepster.

JOHN JEREMIAH THEUERKAUF

Cathedral Parish

"Turk"

"HAVE MORE THAN THOU SHOWEST, SPEAK LESS THAN THOU KNOWEST."—Shakespeare.

Six years of grade school at the Cathedral, three years at Gridley High School and one year at Strong Vincent—Turk ended his tour of schools with his entrance into Prep as a junior. He is an excellent swimmer and a member of the famous Prep Golf team. Turk sets the fashions for his chums with such clothes as red plaid shirts, yellow loafers, and wavy hair. Jack intends to study finance and business at the Wharton School of Finance in Philadelphia.







JAMES RAYMOND THOMPSON  
Cathedral Parish  
"Jim"

"'T WAS FOR THE GOOD OF MY COUNTRY THAT I SHOULD BE ABROAD."—*Farquhar*.

Jim joined us at Prep after finishing his elementary training at St. John School. Like a true Prepster, he has supported every activity of the school. Jim made first string guard of the water polo team, first polo team in Prep history. Mathematics is his favorite study, and his favorite sport is swimming in the green tile pool. At present Jim is helping to run the Navy. He has not revealed his future plans. Best wishes, Jim.



PFC. LEO ANTHONY URBANOWICZ  
St. Stanislaus Parish  
"Atlas"

"HIS COGITATIVE FACULTIES IMMERSSED IN COGIBUNDITY OF COGITATION."—*Henry Corey*.

Humor, ambition and intellect—all these are to be found in our Leo. Entering Prep from St. Stanislaus, he became known to students and faculty alike for his ready wit, keen speech and writing ability. It was while at Prep that he acquired the dubious titles of "Atlas, and "Lazarus." With every edition of the Rambler, could be found one of Leo's interesting and educational articles which always left a smile on the face of the reader. Leo left us at the end of his junior year and he is now stationed with the army at Vegesack, Germany. After his discharge, he hopes to follow a career in Journalism.

## T H E 1 9 4 6

C. RICHARD VOLKMAR  
"Einstein"

"A MIGHTY HUNTER, AND HIS PREY WAS SCIENCE."—*Anon.*

Dick came to Prep after having completed his elementary training at St. John School. Because he is a whiz in science and mathematics, he is nicknamed our "Einstein." Dick enjoys the water very much; and during the summer, he used to work on the Great Lakes. He is a Prep honor student, yet never missed a school dance or a game. Dick has not revealed his plans for the future due to the fact that Uncle Sam had need of him in the Navy. Because of his ability, we feel confident that he will go far in whatever line of work he chooses. We wish him well.

JOHN LAWRENCE WARNEKA  
St. Joseph Parish

"WE CANNOT ALL BE MASTERS."—*Shakespeare*.

John is the most peristent and consistent rooter for Prep found in the Senior class. With a willingness to make all Prep activities successful, John has always been one of the first volunteers on the list. After school, John puts in his time at a local gas station "filling 'em up". John is a real outdoor man, who has found fishing, hunting, and ice-skating valuable pastimes. With a desire for the salty sea air, it is little wonder that dependable John will join the Navy. Later, he hopes to become an accountant.







EMORY FRANCIS WEBB  
St. John Parish  
"Spider"

"I HAVE FOUND YOU AN ARGUMENT, BUT I AM NOT OBLIGATED TO FIND YOU AN UNDERSTANDING."—S. Johnson.

Emory, more frequently known as "Spider", is one of the more unique figures in our class. Gifted with a rapid line of patter and with a passion for argument, he has long been our most outspoken, radical revolutionary. Always active in the athletic department, "Spider" held down an end position on the football squad in his junior and senior years. He was captain of the tennis team, of which he was a member since entering Prep as a freshman. Emory was quite undecided as to his future plans when the army beckoned and he left our ranks.



BERNARD FAY WEBBER  
St. Michael Parish  
Greenville, Pa.

"MARK THE PERFECT MAN, AND BEHOLD THE UPRIGHT."—Old Testament.

Although Fay came to us in his senior year, he immediately became a real Prepster, liked by everybody. He is heard as well as seen at all Prep games, and he has participated in every Prep activity this year. St. Michael High School, Greenville, surely lost a good student, and we at Prep gained one. At present, Fay is residing at St. Mark Seminary preparing for the priesthood, and will continue his studies as long as Uncle Sam does not desire his services. To Fay go our best wishes for everything that is good.

## L I T E R U L A E

JOHN RAYMOND WHALING  
St. Joseph Parish  
"Whales"

"FOR THOUGH I AM NOT SPLENETIVE OR RASH, YET HAVE I IN ME SOMETHING DANGEROUS."

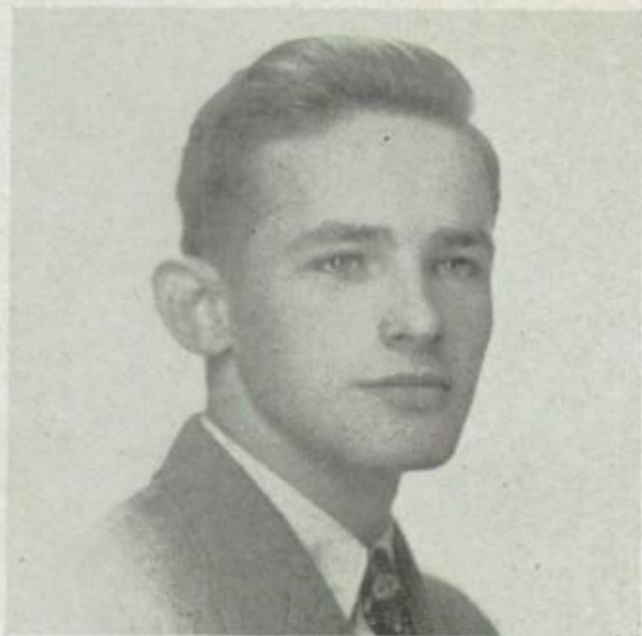
—Shakespeare.

Whales can be described in four adjectives which fit him perfectly—slender, short, swift, and sharp. He has a sable head of hair to match. Quick and clever, his appearance on any scene is announced by a series of witty remarks. Jack looks back to his second year German class with fond memories. He took a fling at football in his last year at Prep. His outside activity has been working at the Post Office. Jack plans a career in the Navy.

ROBERT EDWARD WHITE  
St. John Parish  
"Bob"

"A FACE WITH A SMILE, AND A STORY OF WIT, MADE THE LONG HOURS SHORT."—Anon.

Bob, who hails from Twenty-third Street near Ash, naturally bears the title, Marvintowner. He joined us in his sophomore year, but in spite of his delayed start, he won instant popularity at Prep. He was elected vice-president of his class in his junior year, and served on prom committees in both the junior and senior years. Bob's hobby is trumpet playing. He is a natural at most sports. He plans to enter college after serving his time in the Navy.







RAYMOND THEODORE WIESZCZYK  
St. Casimir Parish  
"Ray"

"LET FOOLS THE STUDIOUS DESPISE, THERE'S NOTHING LOST BY BEING WISE."—*LaFontaine*.

Ray is one of the most versatile of our fellow students. In his sophomore year, he was on the football squad and at the same time, consistently won honors each quarter session. He might be classified as the "strong, silent type". Anything he says is usually compact and the result of mental review. He was always well-liked, a dependable friend and a good scholar. Little wonder that we call him versatile—he is intelligent, trustworthy, good-looking, athletic, and popular! We all foresee a successful future for Ray when he finishes serving in the Marine Corps.



DONALD HERBERT WINKLEMES  
Holy Family Parish  
"Winky"

"AND THOU ART LONG, AND LANK, AND BROWN."  
—*Wordsworth*.

Winky, who hails from the thriving community of Lakeside, claims to hold international titles as a bicycle racer, and he attributes his success to the long treks he has taken to reach civilization from his home in the "Limberlost". Donald played first man on the golf team in his junior year, and was captain of the team in his senior year. Golf is his hobby as well as his favorite sport, but he also finds time to assemble boat models. He plans to study dentistry or engineering as his life work.

## T H E I 9 4 6

ROBERT JAMES WINSCHER  
St. Ann Parish  
"Bob"

"I MUST HAVE PATIENCE TO ENDURE THIS LOAD."  
—*Shakespeare*.

Robert James, dubbed just plain Bob, can easily be rated the school's most happy-go-lucky lad. Bob, a graduate of St. Ann Grade School, led one whirl-wind of a life at Prep. He took a try at football but found cheerleading more to his taste. He was captain of cheer leaders and a member of the Student Council. Bob has filled his mind and ours with precious memories of Prep. After completing a college course, he intends to enter the field of air-conditioning and refrigeration.

JOHN JOSEPH ZYGALA  
St. Patrick Parish  
"Ziggy"

"THERE IS NO ONE BESIDE THEE, AND NO ONE ABOVE THEE."—*Browning*.

Ziggy, as we all know him, spent most of his free time at the Erie Airport and is now a first-class pilot. He came to Prep as a finished product of St. Patrick Grade School. Ziggy's main interest in life, at the present time, is to get the most out of each day. He has always been a staunch supporter of all Prep activities. Ziggy plans to go to college, specializing in business administration. With an ambitious desire for advancement, John should find success in all his future undertakings.





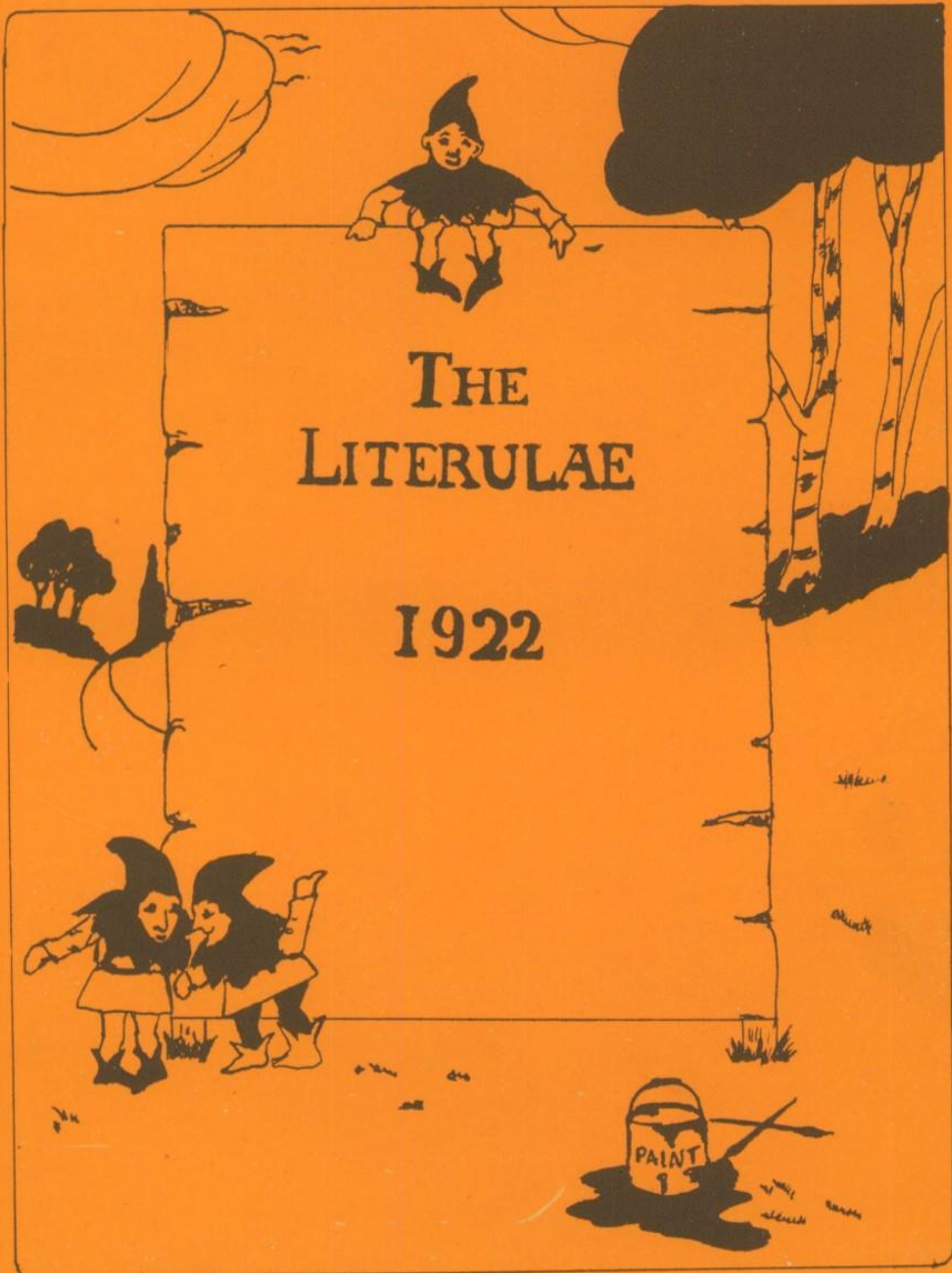
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| BUCKEL, RICHARD EDWARD<br>903 German Street                | KRAUS, NORBERT JOHN<br>307 East Twenty-seventh Street            | SCALISE, DONALD LEO<br>441 Hazel Street, Warren Pennsylvania |
| BULES, JOHN EDWARD<br>914 Fulton Street                    | KRESS, JAMES RICHARD<br>216 West Fourth Street                   | SCHEMECK, CHARLES JOSEPH<br>1162 East Tenth Street           |
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| CARIDEO, JAMES JOSEPH<br>425 West Twenty-fifth Street      | LIJEWSKI, LEO JOSEPH<br>2507 Wayne Street                        | SERAFIN, LAWRENCE JOHN<br>601 East Twenty-fourth Street      |
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| AVANAUGH, THOMAS MARCUS<br>206 East Ninth Street           | MALMBERG, DONALD SAMUEL<br>535 1/2 East Twenty-sixth Street      | SLATER, RAYMOND CARL<br>601 East Ninth Street                |
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| COX, DURWARD MICHAEL<br>337 West Twentieth Street          | MANNARELLI, THOMAS VINCENT<br>4132 Trask Avenue                  | SULLIVAN, RAYMOND JOHN<br>616 West Fourth Street             |
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| DOYLE, JOHN JOSEPH<br>457 West Third Street                | MINTON, JAMES ALEXANDER<br>701 West Eighth Street                | URBANOWICZ, LEO ANTHONY<br>502 East Eleventh Street          |
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| FIEDLER, JAMES EDWARD<br>2110 West Thirty-seventh Street   | PALMER, DELMAR REGINALD<br>226 West Twenty-sixth Street          | WEBBER, BERNARD FAY<br>76 West Main Street, Greenville, Pa.  |
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*Prep's First Yearbook*

PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST FRESHMAN CLASS!





# *Prep's First Yearbook*

## THE LITERULAE OF 1922

**P**REPSTERS of today of course have practically no idea of the kind of a school Prep was especially in its first years. Before the school began the basement of Saint Peter's Cathedral was one big open room extending from the present stage in the auditorium back to the crypt where the former Bishops of Erie were buried. In the summer of 1921 Bishop Gannon had the large area renovated and divided into four classrooms and a study hall. The study hall occupied the place of the cafeteria and a hall ran down from the center of the study hall to where the stage now stands. There were two classrooms opening from either side of this hallway. On the Tenth street side of the cafeteria in the corner nearest Sassafras a glass partition was erected and here Dr. Wehrle, the first Headmaster, had his office. That was all there was to Prep for the first four or five years.

The Bishop appointed Father Miller to be professor of English and together with Dr. Wehrle they decide to introduce Model English into the new school. Father Donnelly, the Jesuit priest who wrote the Model English books Prep still uses was brought to Erie to acquaint Father Miller with his system. Under Father Miller the Model English course at Prep became outstanding and although in the first year the only students were Freshmen, the first yearbook, named the 'Literulae' was published. 'Literulae' means, by the way, 'skill in languages or studies' and it was Dr. Wehrle who gave the book the name.

The first issue contained articles by the member of the faculty, an outline of the aims and purposes of the school, the course of studies offered and a list of all the original student body. The second half of the book was written entirely by the Freshmen and included articles and several short stories which the boys had written as assignments in English classes. The only picture within its pages was that of Bishop Gannon to whom the volume was dedicated so the first Literulae was entirely a literary effort. As such it set a standard which Prep still strives to maintain in its yearbook, and the Rambler as well. As we grow larger and more prosperous pictures and drawings are generously used to liven up our publications but Prep's yearbooks should always reflect the writing ability of its students as they did in the early years when pictures were few and far between and the students recorded in essays, stories and poetry the more interesting happenings of their high school days.





*One of the First Undertakings to which Bishop Gannon put his hand when he became Bishop of Erie was the founding of a Catholic High School for boys. In 1921 he opened Cathedral Prep in the basement of St. Peter's Cathedral and five years later he laid plans for the construction of a new building.*

*Bishop Gannon When Prep  
Was Founded*



## *Yesterday and Today*

**B**ACK in the year 1921 when Cathedral Prep, long an idea in the mind of Bishop Gannon, became a humble reality in the basement of the Cathedral, it was an initial step in a prospect that was great in its conception, great in its authority, and great in its sphere of present and future usefulness. Into the Prep was embodied the wisdom of the Church which for nineteen centuries has dispensed among its youth its treasures of faith and intellectual achievement. To mold the minds of Prep students in the ways of right thinking, the Bishop selected men anointed of the Holy Spirit, men trained to nurture youth into a vigorous and mature growth, sheltered from the sophistry of the world and the worldly. As to the greatness of present and future usefulness, the past quarter of a century stands an eloquent witness to the intellectual and spiritual achievement of Cathedral Prep.

Prep twenty-five years ago was essentially Prep as it is today—materially different, of course, but the same in ideals, ideas, and standards. We, the Seniors of the Class of 1946, then, cannot say that we are an improvement over the first classes graduated from Prep—for we have been educated to the same standards and ideals as they. In numbers only, can we claim the margin.

From the new Prep dedicated by our Most Reverend Bishop "To Jesus Christ and Youth" march stalwart sons into all the highways and byways of life—professional men, and men consecrated to the service of God and man—but first and foremost "Men." This is as it has always been—we are only swelling the ranks of Prep Alumni who have, from its conception, lived, worked and prayed for the honor of God, the honor of our Most Reverend Bishop, and the honor of Prep.

*James Kress '46*



## *The First Faculty, 1921*



REVEREND G. GERALD DUGAN, M.A., first professor of History and Mathematics at Prep. He later became rector of St. Peter's Cathedral and is now pastor of St. Andrew's Parish., Erie, Pennsylvania.



REVEREND WILLIAM F. HOLL, M.A., first professor of Latin and Mathematics. Father Holl remained at Prep from 1921 to 1939 when he became pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Lucinda, Pennsylvania.



REVEREND VICTOR F. MILLER, M.A., L.L.D., first professor of English. He since served as pastor at St. Boniface Church, Hammett, returning to Prep in 1941 in the capacity of Headmaster, which office he relinquished to become pastor of St. John's Parish, Erie, Pennsylvania.



MR. LEONARD MATTIS, M.E., first instructor in Spanish, Bookkeeping, Economics, and Business Spelling. He is now Faculty Advisor of Athletics at Academy High School as well as instructor in Bookkeeping and Accounting.



## "Doc" Wehrle

IT WOULD be quite impossible to write anything about the founding of Prep or the first twenty years of its existence without constantly referring to its first Headmaster, known to a thousand former Prep boys as "Doc" Wehrle. When Bishop Gannon decided to start the school the Rev. Joseph J. Wehrle, S.T.D. was Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese and pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Church at McKean. Although he continued as Superintendent of Diocesan schools, Doctor Wehrle gave up his parish work when he was assigned to the task of establishing a preparatory school for boys.

Those who were around then tell us that the summer of 1921 was a busy time in the basement of Saint Peter's Cathedral with carpenters, plumbers, steamfitters, plasterers—and "Doc"—bumping into one another in their frantic efforts to finish off classrooms and study hall for the opening day. The new Headmaster himself screwed seats to the floors, laid out room plans and 'bossed' the workmen as he was later to 'boss' boys who filled the crowded quarters to overflowing.

Making out schedules, keeping records, paying bills, teaching Latin and Math, taking charge of study halls, prodding the "loafers" who didn't want to study and the "birds" and "buzzards" who just didn't want to go to school—all of this and many other activities kept "Doc" a mildly agile individual who did not have too much time to himself. With never more than two hundred boys in the school, no one got through Prep without several semesters in "Doc's" classes and he knew every student personally; knew what each boy could—and, no less to the point, would—do scholastically.

Prep boys knew him too, knew him as an able teacher, a tireless worker and a true friend who had the knack of mingling among them as one of them without causing them ever to lose their very real respect, frank admiration and sincere affection for him. His influence upon the boys who went through Prep is beyond estimating.

Probably Doctor Wehrle's most lasting work at Prep is the course of studies he established and which is still faithfully observed. In the first years, Prep offered an Academic and Commercial course but the business classes were discontinued after a few years and a Scientific Course introduced in their place, thus making the school exclusively college preparatory. With the academic requiring four years of Latin and the scientific stressing Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, Prep graduates found themselves well-qualified to take up further study in any college or university of the country. The Bishop and the Headmaster unceasingly talked college education and as a result it was not uncommon for them to see sixty to seventy percent of each senior class continue their studies after graduation.

To provide for many of these boys who could not afford to go away from home for higher education, they established a junior college in 1933 and Doctor Wehrle became not only a Headmaster but a College President as well. In 1941 Bishop Gannon purchased the property at Sixth and Peach and Dr. Wehrle left Prep to devote full time to the institution. He had guided the destinies of Prep for exactly twenty years.

In recent years Doctor Wehrle's work has received formal and official recognition. In 1937 his Alma Mater, Saint Vincent's College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1941 the Bishop and priests of the diocese and the priest-graduates of Prep tendered him a testimonial dinner on the occasion of his silver jubilee in the priesthood and a year later at the instance of Bishop Gannon, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, named him a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. But "Doc" wears his honors lightly and still relishes most the regard and friendship of his past and present students.



Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Wehrle, S.T.D., LL.D.  
First Headmaster  
1921-1941



# *Bishop Gannon and the School He Founded*

**C**ATHEDRAL PREP as it stands today, proud and peaceful, magnificent in its Gothic beauty, is a far cry from the Prep that first opened its doors just twenty-five years ago last September. It was the initial effort of the Diocese of Erie to provide high school education for the Catholic boys of the city. Its beginning could best be described as timid but hopes were high in the hearts of parents who sent well over a hundred boys to the basement of Saint Peter's Cathedral which had been remodeled during the summer into classrooms and one huge study hall. All were Freshmen and they formed the pioneer class of Prep, destined to dwindle to some forty-two in number when the first graduation took place four years later.

From the very first students, priests and people sensed the fact that Prep was to be no ordinary school. There was one compelling reason why it could not be: John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie. He constantly evidenced not a perfunctory but an intense personal interest in Prep. He made it a point to know the students by name and ability. He studied their progress, conferred frequently with their teachers and everywhere he went he talked of Prep—of the Prep that was and of the Prep that was to be. Not another high school, not another Catholic high school but a Preparatory School where his boys would receive the training and the inspiration to move on into the colleges and universities of the land, someday to return to Erie leaders in the business, scientific and professional life of the city. Standards of scholarship were then established which endure to the present day and Prep boys then and now have always been proud of their school first and foremost for the education it offers them.

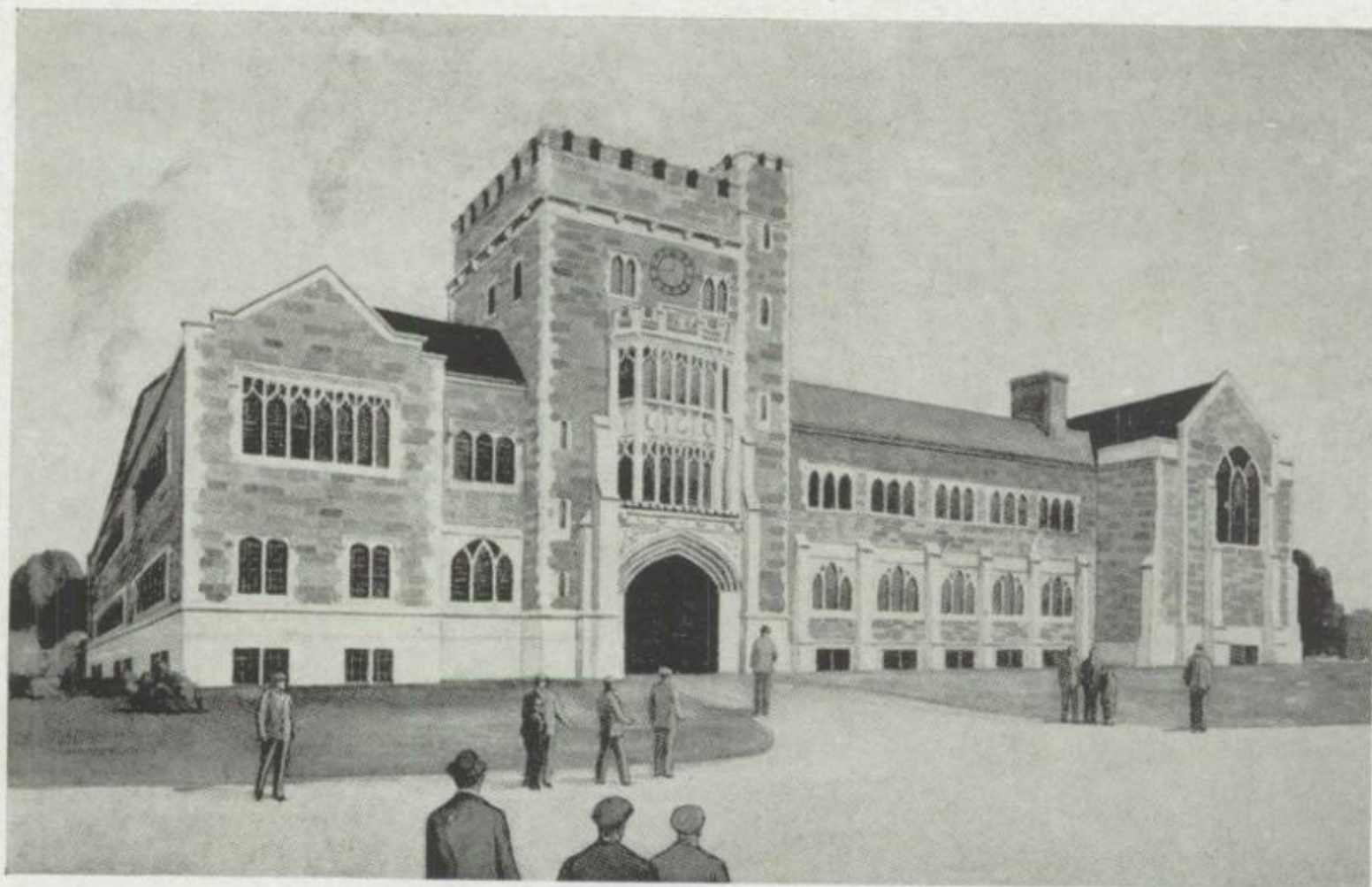
We who are now graduating are naturally grateful to Bishop Gannon for the school he gave us—the beautiful building, the well-equipped labs, the convenient cafeteria, the grand gym, the swimming pool, the graceful library. But now that we are seniors and about to say good-bye a deeper gratitude grows upon us as we realize that someday we will revere Bishop Gannon most for the superior education his school gave us.

*Donald Winkelmes '46*



*The First Graduates—June, 1925*





*Prep As Planned in 1926*

On the twenty-first of December Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Six Bishop Gannon marked the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood by issuing a Pastoral Letter to the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Erie. His Excellency called for the erection of a Preparatory School where young boys of Erie could begin their studies for the Priesthood and he submitted an architect's sketch of the structure as then contemplated (above). The present Prep, larger and more imposing, and its sister institution, Saint Mark's Hall, where students for the Priesthood are in residence, are today's realization of this twenty-year-old dream. The concluding paragraph of the Pastoral Letter read:

*"It is the ardent hope of your unworthy Bishop on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Holy but sometimes feeble and barren Priesthood, that you rise to the occasion and redeem his life, not by giving the slightest concern to him or his joy, but by gathering from yourselves and your laity sufficient funds to erect in the Diocese of Erie a Preparatory Seminary for the education of our beloved youth to the Eternal Priesthood of Jesus Christ.*

GIVEN AT ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL  
THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, MCMXXVI  
FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE."





J.F.  
JUNIOR



## *Class of 1947*

**B**EST Prom in history . . . Most successful newspaper . . . Amazingly enjoyable class parties . . . New heights in sports . . . well may the headlines read as the Class of '47 moved to new scholastic, athletic and social achievements. All this, of course, is due to the eager enthusiasm and whole-hearted support of its members, the tireless efforts of its capable class officers and hard-working faculty, and especially to Father Daniszewski, junior class adviser.

We shall try to tell you of the widely diversified fields into which we ventured in our role as envied "upper" classmen. The class, always renowned for its wonderful scholastic aptitude, staged a very interesting debate on the question of Compulsory Military Training in the auditorium. William Becker and David Gensheimer upholding the negative took a close decision from Henry Runser and Edward Brunner. Two sparking rebuttals concluded the event. Later in the year, the juniors organized Prep's first debating team featuring junior Bill Becker.

To finance *The Rambler*, we held the annual Press Dance, October 12 (first issue published the same day) in our own spacious gym with featured music by Gene Parlette and Company. One of the largest crowds of the season appreciated our efforts, and *The Rambler* was "independent" for another year. Incidentally, a large share of the proceeds went to buy the school a new camera to be used for the paper and the yearbook.

Probably the most popular of our first semester diversions was the V-P Junior party held at the Villa Maria. The party began with a square dance and the Virginia Reel, and then on to modern dancing to juke box music, a program of singing by the girls and eating and drinking (milk) in the spotless cafeteria. Congratulations to those Villa-ites who composed some delightfully original songs, and again we express our gratitude to the charming girls and their equally charming faculty for showing us a very enjoyable evening.

True to a grand tradition, we held a Christmas party for the seniors. All seniors and their fair companions were invited and responded en masse. The decorations were in keeping with the Christmas season. On the agenda for the evening were entertainment, dancing, and refreshments. Clayton Snow took over the musical duties, and the juniors presented their beloved elders with touching mementos for the occasion. The



gifts ranged from a piece of coal to a can of milk, including lollypops and dice. Although not exactly expensive, our gifts carried a wealth of sentiment.

Under the tireless direction of Father Sperry, the Class of '47 improved *The Rambler* making it an eight-page newspaper, and an outstanding school paper. Dick Scibetta lived in constant fear of his life because of his outspoken class column, and Jack Hagerty, the future Bill Stern, turned in consistently good sports features. Dick Poorman, as editor did a swell job aided by Jim Flynn in the capacity of associate editor, Dave Gensheimer on news and Ed Brunner taking care of features. "Flashbulb" Friedrichs, business men Gibson, Weibel and Kuntz and editorials by the current editors, Scibetta and Becker rounded out the roster.

Juniors representation is the backbone of Prep sports. Eight of the eleven starting gridgers were juniors including: Orr, Gorski, Tullio, Schroeck, Januleski, Anthony, Harabedian and Fuhrman and a host of hard-working subs. The juniors had two starting cagers in "Nose" Trombetta and "Smiley" White together with some very capable replacements. Other juniors include Lou Mazur, one of the best tennis players in the city; Tom Heubel and Bob Gilson, our swimming luminaries; and a practically all-junior baseball team headed by the big league battery of Murosky and Fuhrman. The first Prep track season also showed junior domination, but isn't that what we've been saying all along? And speaking of domination, Sports Night sponsored by Prep's new P.A.C. found the juniors sweeping every event but swimming. Ho hum!

As a fitting climax to a glorious year, we staged, may we modestly say, our incomparable "Rainbow Rhapsody," May 24, importing for the occasion Pittsburgh's favorite orchestra, Brad Hunt's. With really novel decorations and the smoothest music heard in these parts for a long time, everyone had a perfectly "super" time.

So we are ready for our senior year. We look back with pride and regret on our first three years. With pride, because we accomplished so much; with regret because they passed so swiftly and cannot be relived. We are proud of our school and its faculty; of our class, its officers and its reputation. As seniors, let us resolve to make our name, Class of '47, stand out like a beacon light in Prep history, the achievement of over twenty-five years, the remembrance of the next twenty-five.

James White, President  
Garrett Orr, Vice-President  
John Hobson, Secretary  
Richard Esser, Treasurer





*Class of '47*



## Do You Read It?



Father Sperry  
*Rambler* Advisor

PERIODICALLY one may observe interested Juniors, the picture of animation, working industriously on the preparation of articles to appear in a compact manner for the pleasure and information of faculty and students alike. This creditable summary of Prep's items of interest was preceded a few years back by a mimeographed sheet called the "Subterranean News" published by the students in the old school beneath the Cathedral.

The ingeniousness of Father James Sperry, who visualized a new era in Prep's advancement, has promoted a scholarly enterprise, the publication of the *Rambler*. Like all newspapers it had a humble beginning, but it grew rapidly. A six-page edition has given place to an eight-page issue teeming with interesting articles and illustrations. Father Sperry in

his quiet and unassuming way has encouraged and instructed his journalists until Prep has the happy privilege of seeing *The Rambler* classed among the leading school papers in the country.

*The Rambler* is not a "glory" paper for Father Sperry or any member of the staff. It requires many days and nights of earnest effort to bring it to publication. When you stop to consider that no advertising space is allowed in *The Rambler*, you realize how diligent and far-sighted one must be to keep the paper in circulation.

*The Rambler* is so well circulated that it finds itself in all parts of the world—Father Sperry again, "keeping our boys in the service informed." Constant activity is necessary, an alert staff is essential. We have everything. First and foremost on our list, of course, is Father Sperry, a very busy man with a very busy mind. Its staff, carefully selected from the Junior class, has faithful co-editors in Bill Becker and Dick Scibetta. Jim Flynn and Dick Poorman are assistant editors. Besides these, Dave Gensheimer and Ed Brunner handle the feature department and the jokes and Henry Runser is sales manager. We must not forget to mention the class reporters: Jim Murray for the senior class, Mike Palmisano for the sophomore class, and D'Arcy Chisholm for the freshman class.

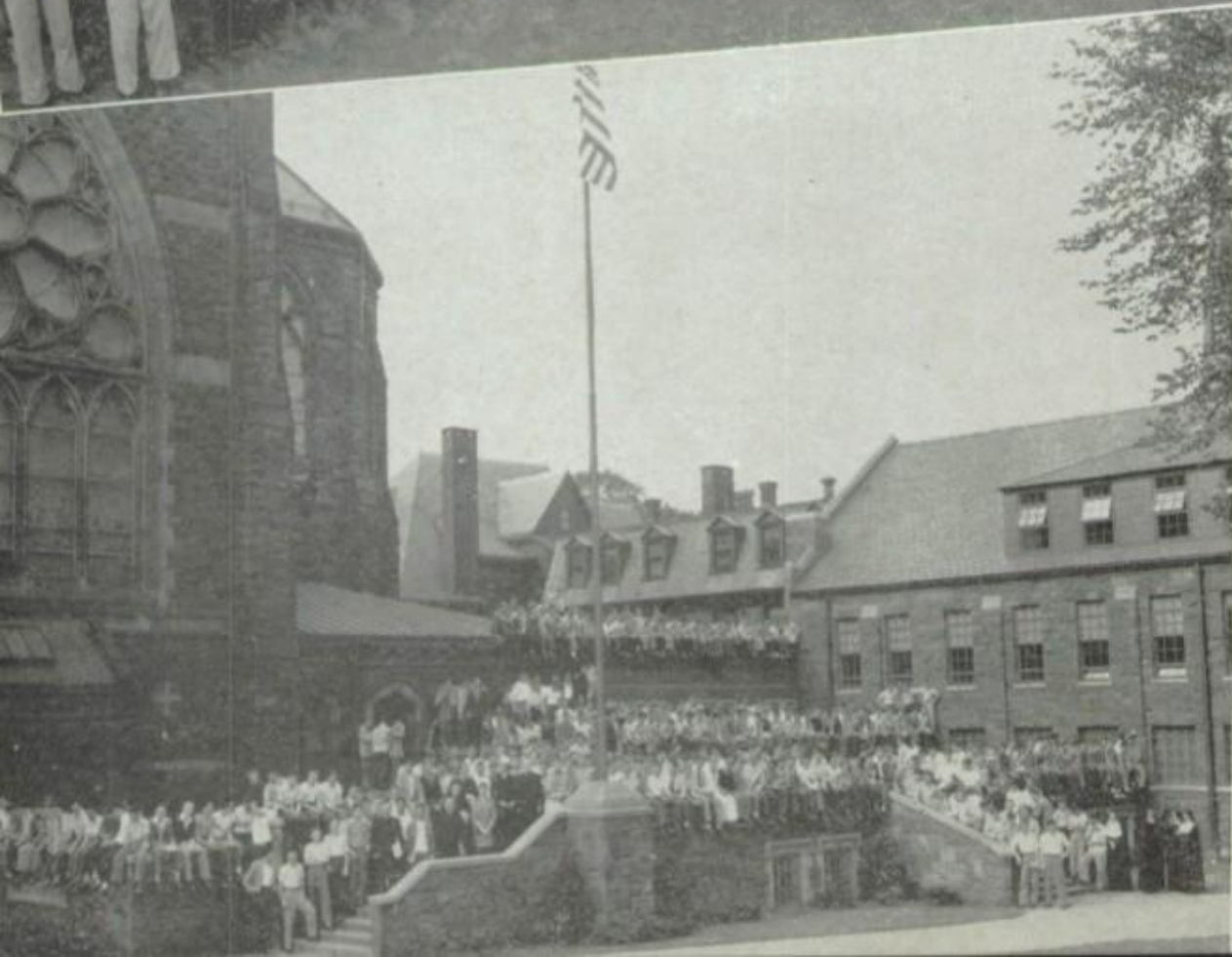
With the cooperation of such splendid workers and headed by Father Sperry who has the respect and affection of all the Prepsters why shouldn't the *Rambler* be found among the leading school papers of the country.

John Hagerty '47









## *To the Class of 1945*

goes the honor of being the first to hold graduation exercises in the new Prep . . .

They also began the tradition

of the *Senior Father-Son*

*Communion Breakfast*

the Sunday before graduation . . . and after the last

Friday morning Mass where

they heard the *Bishop's*

*Final Meditation*, Sen-

iors with underclassmen,

Bishop, priests and sisters

gathered on the campus and

north portico for photo-

graphs.



Carl F. Schultz

PREP GRADUATE

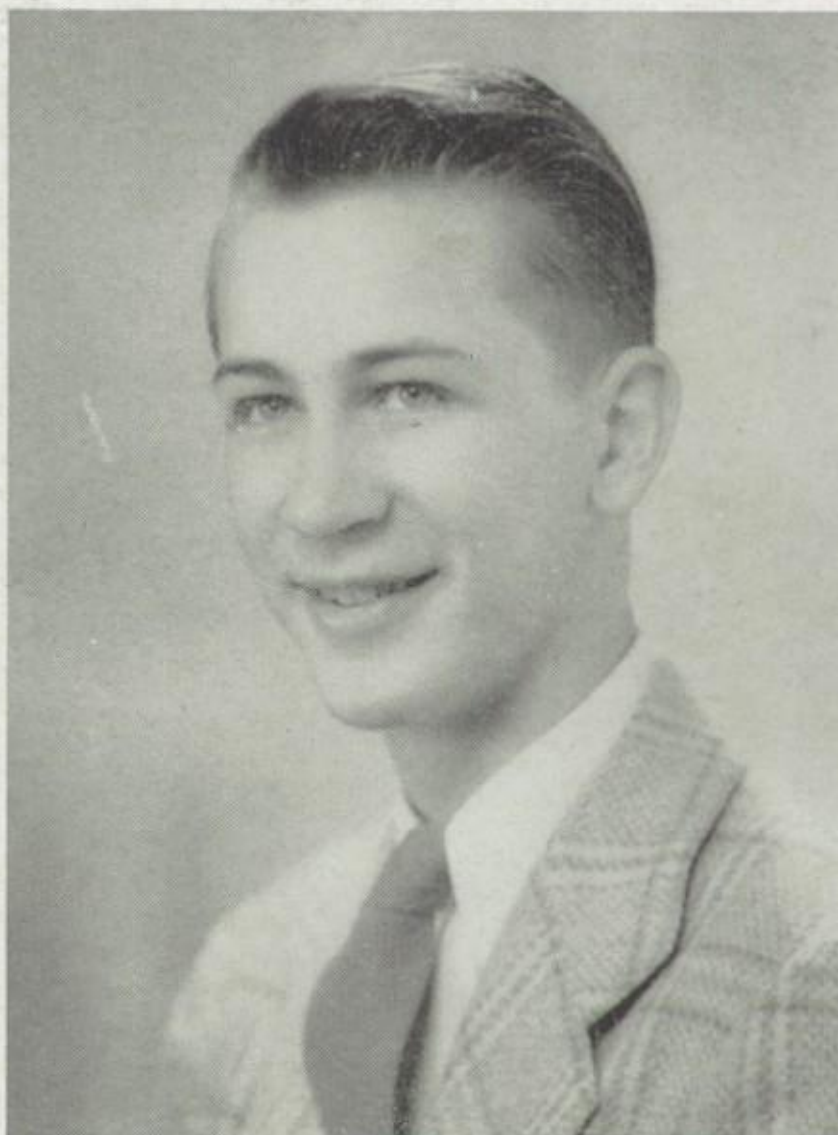
CLASS OF 1945

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Killed in Plane Crash

July 22, 1945

Eternal Rest . . . Grant  
unto him, O Lord!



## *High Flight*

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew,  
And while, with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."



## *Senior Superlatives*

Joseph August . . . . . Shyest  
 Edward Babowicz . . . . . Most Sagacious  
 Gerard Binna . . . . . Most Somnolent  
 Gerald Bechtold . . . . . Smoothest  
 Richard Buckel . . . . . Most Dexterous  
 John Bules . . . . . Most Reserved  
 Joseph Burkhardt . . . . . Most Nimble  
 James Carideo . . . . . Flashiest  
 Carl Carlotti . . . . . Tallest  
 Thomas Cavanaugh . . . . . Most Dilatory  
 Charles Colvin . . . . . Most Athletic  
 Durward Cox . . . . . Most Dutiful  
 Joseph Dahlkemper . . . . . Most Demure  
 John Diehl . . . . . Most Likeable  
 John Doyle . . . . . Most Satisfied  
 David Dudenhoeffer . . . . . Most Energetic  
 William Ester . . . . . Most Argumentative  
 Robert Ferretti . . . . . Shortest  
 James Fiedler . . . . . Most Diffident  
 Edward Filipkowski . . . . . Most Agreeable  
 Alfred Fischer . . . . . Most Docile  
 Richard Formaini . . . . . Friendliest  
 Gerard Galvin . . . . . Calmest  
 Donald Gunther . . . . . Most Accessible  
 George Hagle . . . . . Beardiest  
 Norbert Hardner . . . . . Curliest  
 John Jordan . . . . . Most Placid  
 Jerome Kearney . . . . . Swimmest  
 Robert Kinem . . . . . Most Electric  
 Carl Klan . . . . . Gentlemanliest  
 Norbert Kraus . . . . . Most Cunning  
 James Kress . . . . . Frankest  
 Richard Liebel . . . . . Most Melodious  
 Leo Lijewski . . . . . Most Aesthetic  
 Carl Longnecker . . . . . Most Scientific  
 Donald Malmberg . . . . . Most Adroit  
 John Mancini . . . . . Sturdiest  
 Thomas Mannarelli . . . . . Kindest

Earl May . . . . . Neatest  
 Paul Miller . . . . . Cleverest  
 James Minton . . . . . Most Agile  
 Ronald Mullaney . . . . . Prettiest  
 James Murray . . . . . Most Artistic  
 James Northup . . . . . Most Timid  
 Delmar Palmer . . . . . Most Eccentric  
 Louis Pauly . . . . . Most Courteous  
 James Polatas . . . . . Shrewdest  
 Terence Reagan III . . . . . Coolest  
 Joseph Reszkowski . . . . . Most Loquacious  
 Richard Rettger . . . . . Fuzziest  
 Thomas Rinn . . . . . Most Complacent  
 Richard Roberts . . . . . Most Assured  
 Francis Roach . . . . . Humblest  
 Vincent Rocco . . . . . Most Forgetful  
 Carmen Romeo . . . . . Youngest  
 Donald Scalise . . . . . Most Dignified  
 Charles Schemeck . . . . . Most Serious  
 Frank Schmidt . . . . . Most Diligent  
 Lawrence Serafin . . . . . Most Concerned  
 Harold Seth . . . . . Farmiest  
 Raymond Slater . . . . . Liveliest  
 Florian Stanczak . . . . . Happiest  
 Raymond Sullivan . . . . . Irishest  
 John Theuerkauf . . . . . Dressiest  
 James Thompson . . . . . Fishiest  
 Leo Urbanowicz . . . . . Most Perspicacious  
 Richard Volkmar . . . . . Moe-iest  
 John Warneka . . . . . Hungriest  
 Emory Webb . . . . . Most Revolutionary  
 Fay Webber . . . . . Most Imperturbable  
 John Whaling . . . . . Moochiest  
 Robert White . . . . . Most Sanguine  
 Raymond Wieszczyk . . . . . Most Capable  
 Donald Winkelmes . . . . . Golfiest  
 Robert Winschel . . . . . Most Effusive  
 John Zygalá . . . . . Most Personable

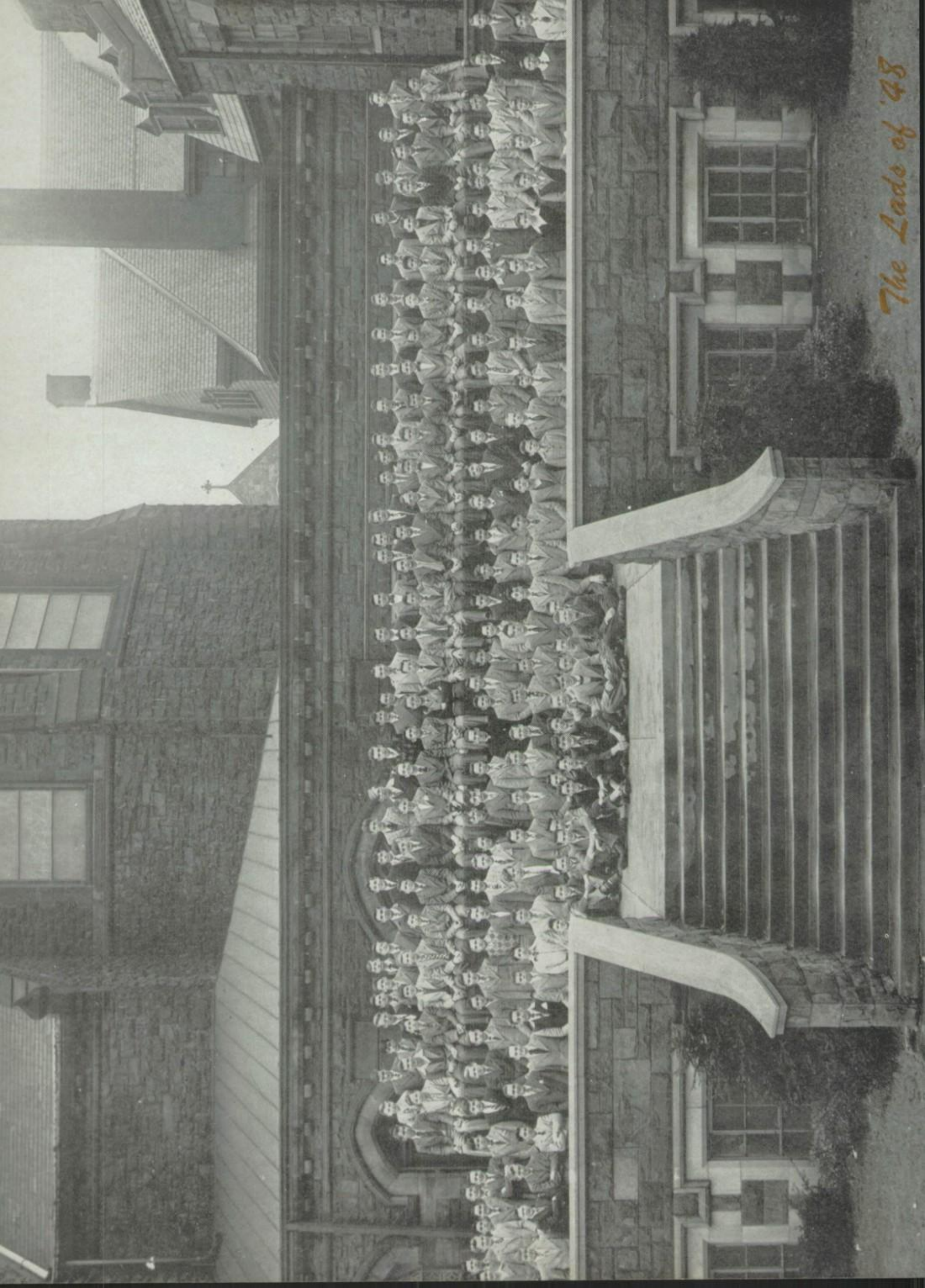




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*The Lads of '48*





# Keeping Up to Date With the Class of '48

**W**E wish to be different. For this reason, we do not begin our account of the activities for our Sophomore Year with the prosaic, moth-eaten statement that our class is the best in the school. After all, even Sophomores know enough not to belabour the obvious. Read on, if you doubt our claim. The scholastic year, 1945-1946, presented no end of enjoyment, surprise, and—hours of school. In the following chronicle, we will deal only with the first two for understandable reasons.

The first activity in which we indulged was the initiation of the Freshmen. Of course, we hated to be so crude about the whole affair. However, tradition is tradition; or, as they say in France, "c'est le tradition!" As a result, Freshmen dotted the green of our beautiful campus with assorted hues of black, tan, red, and pink. It was a most colorful sight. Black and blue were used sparingly, due to special orders against use of same tints. The Board of Education promoted a peanut-pushing class designed to remove excess nose-space which might otherwise impair a Freshman's vision while studying his lessons.

Shortly after we had settled down to the serious work ahead of us, the class elections were held. Paul Speice was elected President; Ray Droney, Vice-President; Mike Palmisano, Secretary; Jim Detzel, Treasurer. It became the task of these four gentlemen to guide the class through one of its most important and eventful years in the Prep School.

Because we are a class noted for spirit and general cooperation, the Sophomores were never found wanting in the important department of school spirit. The majority of the cheerleaders were recruited from our midst. We also presented some fine speakers and no small amount of cheering at the rallies held during the basketball and football seasons.

Another high point in our year was reached when we gathered with the Villa Sophomores on Monday evenings to learn the gentle art of dancing. For sixteen weeks, we practiced, more or less faithfully. It might be said that this was the only class universally liked. The only bad feature about it was the end. Even sixteen Monday's can pass all too quickly.

To enliven our Christmas holiday, we found time to present a fine radio-play for the enjoyment of the faculty and student-body. Our No. 1 admirer, the Most Reverend Bishop, was a delighted spectator. The entire program was written and enacted by Sophomores, with the patient help of Father Martin, our Class Adviser. As with everything we do, the program was a tremendous success.

Plans were drawn by Father Enright for intra-mural basketball games. The teams were quickly formed, using the various religion periods as the basis for the division. Competition, to put it mildly, was very keen.

Because a great majority of Sophomores received high grades in the subject of Dancing, the Class quickly organized the various committees for the Sophomore Dance. With Mike Palmisano as General Chairman, every member of the class worked hard and long. The result? On February the fifteenth, Cathedral Prep's Gymnasium echoed to the strains of music, intermingled with the laughs and the light banter from hundreds of happy dancers. The Mardi Gras, as the dance was called, was the most successful dance ever presented at Prep. This last sentence could very well be the official quotation of no less an authority than our own Reverend Headmaster. When the official Diocesan Newspaper and the daily papers also commented on the success of the dance, we needed no further proof. Financially, we set a record. Decoratively, Sisters Anne Jeanne and Imelda have never done better.

As an expression of their gratitude and an indication of the firm bonds which link the two schools, the Sophomore Class of Villa Maria held a party for us, shortly before the Lenten Season. We danced, we sang, we ate. It was a truly enjoyable evening. Let it be officially entered in this will and testament that we are deeply grateful to the Sisters and students of Villa Maria for their wonderful hospitality. We are not unaware of the work and effort which they expended in entertaining us.

As we write, the year is yet with us. Nor can the rapid passing of the few remaining days ever dim the memories which this year will hold. We have a school picnic before us, and it is eagerly awaited. However, even this event can be but anti-climactic. To the Sophomores who swelled the honor rolls with their splendid scholastic records (two of them won the scholastic sweaters awarded at Quarter Sessions for the highest average in the school), to the Sophomores who helped prove that the Spirit of the Prep School is to be found also in the field of athletics, to the Sophomores who just made this year wonderful by their being one of the gang, we offer our thanks. We hope that we have been a good class. We know that we have tried to do our best.

Paul Speice, Pres.  
Raymond Droney, Vice-Pres.  
Michael Palmisano, Secretary  
James Detzel, Treasurer



## *A Senior's Tribute to His Teachers*

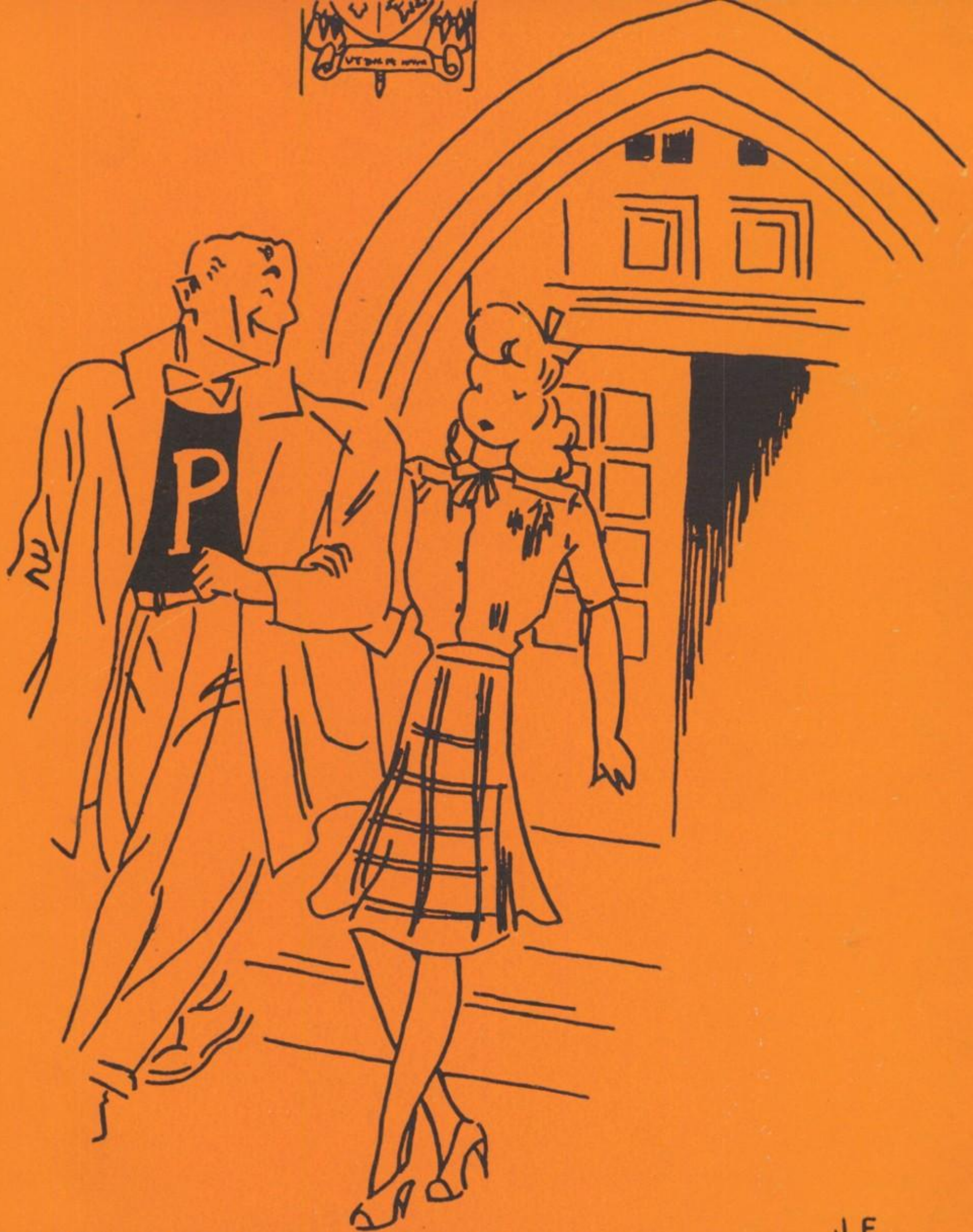
 F all the memories I shall cherish from years at Prep, my recollections of the Faculty will be the most treasured. It would be impossible for me to mention all the benefits I have received from my daily association with my teachers—they were ever willing to assist us in all difficulties which confronted us. Their help and cooperation have been of inestimable value to all members of our class.

While it is recognized that our Faculty is composed of the finest and most learned teachers, they have also shown their keen understanding of the average high school boy. "Father Joe" mixing sports with English . . . informal discussion in Father Watson's Religion classes . . . our very interesting weekly "Physics Club" under the guidance of Sr. Leonora . . . Father Sperry organizing intramural basketball teams in our junior Religion classes . . . the able assistance of Sr. Ann Jeanne and Sr. Imelda with the decorations for our Senior Prom . . . Sr. Adelaide reminding her mathematics classes of the various feast days . . . the kindness of Sr. Ellen Frances in permitting us to leave the library a few minutes earlier for lunch . . . Father Kaltenbach's ability to take a joke; for example, his straw hat . . . the commentaries of Father Gallagher and Father Tushim on world events in their respective history classes . . . Father Enright's patience and his scholarly instructions . . . the interest in Latin inspired in us by Father Kozlowski . . . the fostering of high ideals through Father Fleckenstein's Religion classes . . . Father Wiley's ability to impress upon our minds and hearts a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Sacraments . . . Father Martin and Father Fitzgerald ever ready to aid in any of Prep's undertakings . . . one of the most enthusiastic of the "unseen fans" of all Prep's athletic teams—Sr. Patricia . . . the pleasant atmosphere in Sr. Terese Marie's brightly ornate algebra classes . . . Father Daniszewski's entertaining his English classes with the "corn is green" jokes . . . Sr. Margaret Mary constantly making new additions to her Biology Laboratory . . . the fine job done by Sr. Virginia in keeping back the *hungry hordes* during the noon rush so that no mishaps will occur . . . Sr. Aloysia constantly seeking new books in the library to make her French classes more interesting . . . outside book-reading given to her English class by Sr. Miriam in order to broaden their field of knowledge. . . Father Schriefer describing to his Greek classes his former seminary days . . . the splendid work in coaching the tennis teams by Father Scheffner . . . Sr. Eileen ever striving to make her history classes more enjoyable by permitting her students to discuss the matter amongst themselves . . . the cooperation and interest shown by Sr. Mary Elaine in helping us to prepare our Year-book . . . all these incidents and many more have made life at Prep more enjoyable.

Now as we leave the bustling halls of Prep to take our own place in the outside world, it is with the realization that whatever success we may achieve in our various fields, will be due in great measure to the splendid training we have received from you, the Faculty of Prep. We shall always strive to live up to the ideals which you have tried to instill in us, and we are determined in every way possible to be a credit to you, our Teachers. It is with a feeling of deep esteem that we, the Class of '46, say, "Thank you, Faculty."

Raymond Slater '46





# ACTIVITIES

J.F.





## *Religious Activities at Prep*

center around Friday morning Mass

Communion and the Bishop's medi-

tation. On Thursday of each week time

is set aside for confessions and the *Eight*

*O'clock Mass* in beautiful St. Peter's

Cathedral next morning is for the

Prep boys . . . After Mass the Bishop

of Erie, gives his boys an intimate

personal talk in the form of a medi-

tation . . . *Remember "Empty*

*Hands . . . ?"* "Woe to the Con-

quered . . . !" . . . "The Faith that

Moves Mountains . . . ?"





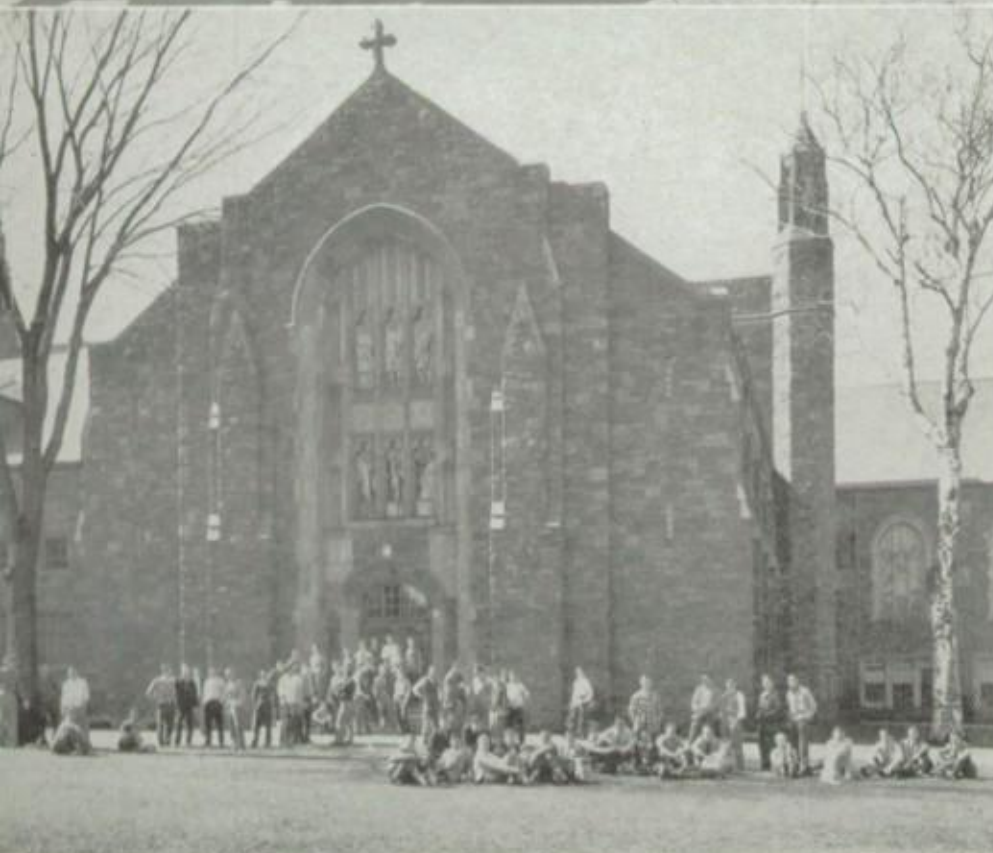
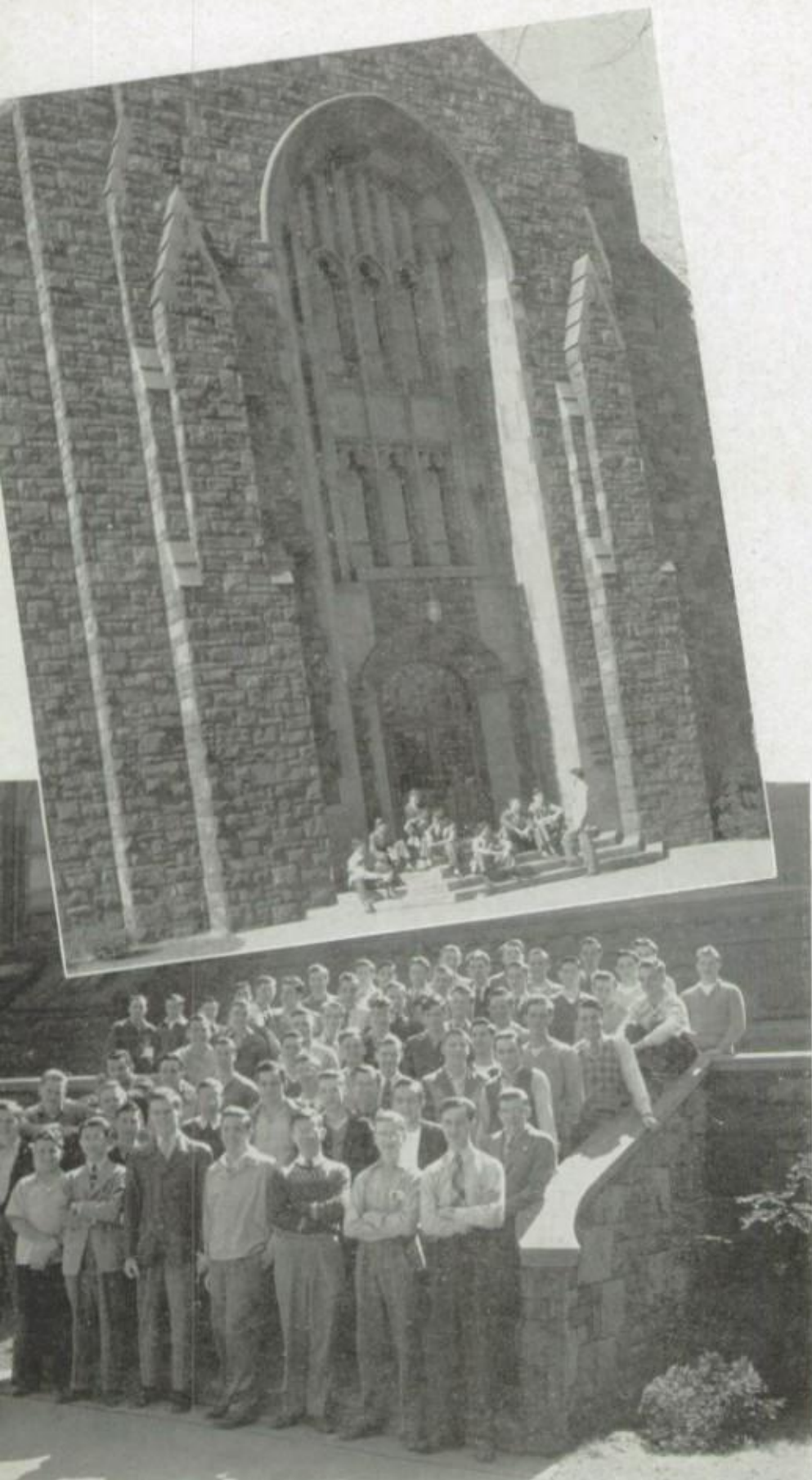
*First Quarter Sessions—Nov. 25, 1945*

Prep Boys await no activity more eagerly than *Quarter Sessions*. The Bishop always presides . . . Always gives prizes to the top students . . . and “always” gives a free day to all! For the Quarter Sessions in February Bishop Gannon brought his distinguished guest, *Bishop McCarty* who left Erie to fly to the now famous consistory in Rome.



*From left to right—Fr. Watson, Ed Brunner, Vernon Ruland, Bishop McCarty, Bishop Gannon, Bill Becker and Fr. McDonald—Quarter Sessions, Feb. 8, 1946.*





## Senior Class Chronicles

- Sept. Off we go! Another year! Most of last year's class is here.
- Sept. 8 Our first victory! We took North East 18-0. Keep rolling, Ramblers.
- Sept. 10 Freshmen's faces brightly colored. They look like Indians or Easter eggs.
- Sept. 21 Big time rally! Tonight we go out to scalp those warriors.
- Sept. 22 Fooled you. We got scalped 7-25. Everyone was in there fighting though.
- Sept. 29 Bruised and bloody we dragged ourselves from the field, another defeat, dealt by Tech. Oh! Oh! the score 0-26.
- Oct. 5 Elections held for Student Council Offices. Congrats, fellows!
- Oct. 6 Wailing and gnashing of teeth. Vincent rolls over us 0-13.
- Oct. 12 Big Day! Annual Press dance to be held. Also a game with Academy.
- Oct. 13 Just as soon not write it. You might as well know, Academy beat us 0-20.
- Oct. 26 "Seems to me I've heard this song before," East waltzes over us 0-20.
- Nov. 1 As you probably know, it is All Saints' Day—rest, relaxation—get a breath of fresh air—it's a free day!
- Nov. 2 We need the rest, Tech in the stadium—played a fine game—right—we lost 18-40. At least we scored and we look forward to better days.
- Nov. 9 The Colonels walloped us 0-20. We are still looking for the better days.
- Nov. 11 Football team goes to Cleveland. "All aboard" to see the Cleveland Rams and the Green Bay Packers.



## *Senior Class Chronicles (Continued)*

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| <p>Nov. 17 The last game of the season. We know the "better days" must come next year. Academy won 0-17.</p> <p>Nov. 30 Quarter Sessions! Frank Christoph takes top honors. We enjoy a free afternoon.</p> <p>Dec. 7 "Waltz me around again, Willie," and avoid the crowd. Senior Prom is a huge success. The theme for the decorations was wintertime.</p> <p>Dec. 11 It's basketball season, and we have had a change of heart. We twisted the Academy Lion's tail 19-11.</p> <p>Dec. 19 North East at Prep. Prep 32, North East 7. Christmas vacation begins—jingle bells, everybody.</p> <p>Dec. 20 Junior-Senior Christmas party—with Santa Claus, too—my gift? Oh it was swell—a lump of coal.</p> <p>Dec. 21 Prep at Millcreek—Prep 31, Millcreek, 20. How's that, Trojans?</p> <p>Dec. 29 Millcreek comes to Prep—Prep 32, Millcreek, 27.</p> <p>Jan. 2 M-o-a-n—g-r-o-a-n—school resumes.</p> <p>Jan. 3 Vincent at Prep. Prep 29, Vincent 36. Ugh!</p> <p>Jan. 5 Prep plays St. Mary's at Prep. More games these two weeks.</p> <p>Jan. 10 Prep at East—Prep 19, East 27.</p> <p>Jan. 15 Joe Zuraleff bids good-bye to Tech. We play Tech at Prep. Prep 38, Tech 44.</p> <p>Jan. 19 Prep at Academy. Second half begins. Finally a winner—Prep 26, Academy 23.</p> <p>Jan. 22 Semester exams — those card-day blues coming up again!</p> <p>Jan. 25 Prep plays St. Bernard's at Bradford. Prep 48, St. Bernard, 21.</p> <p>Jan. 28 Second Semester begins. You begin to study if you want to make those good marks</p> <p>Jan. 31 East and Prep tangle at Prep. Another winner—Prep 31, East 25.</p> | <p>Feb. 2 Sparring with Tech again at the Y.M.C.A. Prep 35, Tech 38. Nuff' said.</p> <p>Feb. 5 We're going to stop that Red and black tonight. Joke! Prep 22, Vincent 24.</p> <p>Feb. 7 Tech and Prep at East.</p> <p>Feb. 8 Quarter Sessions!</p> <p>Feb. 14 Did you get any valentines? Prep tangles with Academy at East. Prep 47, Academy 31. Nice going fellows!</p> <p>Feb. 15 The "Mardi Gras" sponsored by the Sophomores. By the decorations it really looks good—and it is!</p> <p>Feb. 19 Prep vs. East. Prep 24, East 30.</p> <p>Feb. 21 Prep plays with Vincent at East. Prep 39, Vincent 43.</p> <p>Mar. 1 Band makes first appearance at Rally before Prep, St. Mary's game. Score Prep, 24, St. Mary's 44.</p> <p>Mar. 6 Dirty faces or no ashes. It's Ash Wednesday and all wear their sign of faith.</p> <p>Mar. 11 First debate held at Prep. Girls streaming through the halls. What excitement!</p> <p>Mar. 17 Dust off your clay pipe and green tie—it's St. Patrick's Day.</p> <p>Mar. 19 Free Day! Thanks, St. Joseph!</p> <p>Mar. 28 Some of the boys try car-painting, the jalopies look like the rocket ships of tomorrow.</p> <p>April 1 The biggest joke is that it is Monday and we have to go to school.</p> <p>April 11 Prep rolls out the welcome carpet for Cardinal Tien,—free afternoon.</p> <p>April 12 So long until after Easter.</p> <p>April 21 Bunnies to you!</p> <p>April 30 Another month gone. One and one-half to go!</p> |
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*James Philip Murray '46.*





This year *Father Sperry* organized the P.A.C.—Prep Athletic Club—which in April sponsored a gaint “Sport Night” to raise funds for an electric scoreboard for the gym. *The Bishop* took a seat in the “bleachers” and Fr. Daniszowski was right behind him . . . Fathers John Gannon, Kozlowski, Barry and Weber seemed to enjoy themselves . . . *The Boys Brought Their Dads* and — of course!—their girl friends . . . and Fr. Martin got behind the score keepers . . . for some dark reason no doubt!



## *Father Hastings*

squeezed in and managed to look a bit concerned over something . . . *Father Fitzgerald* was coach and manager for the Junior Basketball squad and they won the school championship . . . while *Father Watson* "masterminded" the seniors—who lost! . . . In the pool where water polo, swimming races and diving were the attractions, *Ray Sullivan* was caught in mid-air . . .







## *The Prep Mothers' Association*

**T**HE CLASS OF 1945 is unwilling to leave the halls of Prep without expressing its appreciation to the Prep Mothers' Association. Formed some years ago by Rev. Walter J. Conway who was then Athletic Director, the Prep Mothers were for a long time the only organization which supported the activities of the school. Thanks to them, Prep's athletic program moved steadily along through the lean years and Prep teams were adequately equipped for gridiron and basketball court. With the completion of the new school the association undertook to stock the library with books and they are now endeavoring to raise the necessary funds to provide uniforms for Prep's new band.

The organization is composed of mothers of present and former Prep students and its moderator is Rev. Robert B. McDonald, Headmaster of Prep. In addition to its officers its Executive Board comprises representatives from each of Erie's parishes.

### PREP MOTHERS' SOCIETY

#### OFFICERS

|                            |                           |                             |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| President .....            | Mrs. F. Leo Jones         | Second Vice-President ..... | Mrs. Carl Salchli   |
| First Vice-President ..... | Mrs. Edmund A. Knoll      | Treasurer .....             | Mrs. P. J. McFadden |
| Secretary .....            | Mrs. Theodore L. Formaini |                             |                     |

### PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sacred Heart .....       | Mrs. E. L. Kurtis      | St. Joseph's .....    | Mrs. Joseph Kress    |
| St. Andrew's .....       | Mrs. E. Kohlmler       | St. Julia's .....     | Mrs. R. D. Venable   |
| St. Ann's .....          | Mrs. Edward Steimer    | St. Mary's .....      | Mrs. Clarence Esser  |
| Blessend Sacrament ..... | Mrs. Edward Hansen     | St. Matthew's .....   | Mrs. R. F. Ott       |
| St. Boniface's .....     | Mrs. E. D. Orton       | St. Michael's .....   | Mrs. James Casey     |
| St. George's .....       | Mrs. Joseph Dahlkemper | St. Patrick's .....   | Mrs. Earl Goodill    |
| Holy Trinity .....       | Mrs. Stanley Borczon   | St. Paul's .....      | Mrs. M. J. Casane    |
| Holy Rosary .....        | Mrs. Adam Gorski       | St. Peter's .....     | Mrs. Ray Hooper      |
| St. John's .....         | Mrs. Julius Becker     | St. Stanislaus' ..... | Mrs. Edward Hyziewic |



*Some Faculty Members* in a huddle at the study hall doors . . . Srs. Leonora, Mary Elaine and Ann Jean with Fr. Watson twirling his keys . . .

*Father McDonald* looking a little doubtful here . . . perhaps one of the boys is 'sick' and wants the day off! . . .

*Rosemary MacKrell and Carolyn Buckel* . . . Prep's sole contact with the gentler sex—well during school hours anyway! . . .



*Happy Day!  
 Rosemary MacKrell  
 Carolyn Buckel*





*Father Kozlowski* and

a sophomore Religion class

look a trifle bored for the

photographers . . . while

*Sr. Imelda's Geometry*

*Boys* grin as if they didn't

have a care in the world . . .

*In Freshman Algebra*

the lads look a bit concerned

. . . *Sr. Theresa Marie*

could explain that! . . . *Fr.*

*Watson's Senior Reli-*

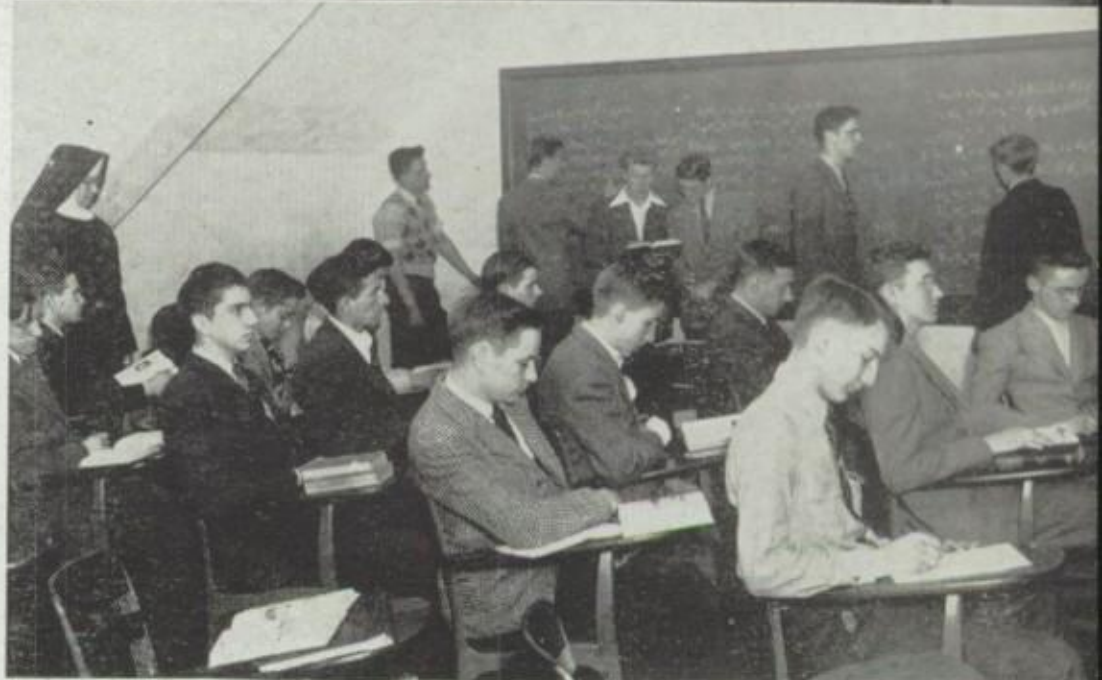
*gion Class* in somber mood

. . . What? has everyone

got a book . . .



*Koch and Phil Hooper* seem  
 well-pleased as Sr. Patricia watches  
 the chemistry experiment . . . *The*  
*Junior Chemistry Class* working on  
 formulae and looking a bit puzzled  
 about it too! . . . *The Senior Physics*  
*Boys* were taking a test but Sr.  
 Leonora did not mind a picture-taking  
 interlude. . . . and in *Biology Lab*  
 Sr. Margaret Mary just told the  
 boys to turn around and smile at  
 the birdie . . .





Right—F. Sperry and the "Rambler" Staff. Lower Right—The Student Council. Below—Fr. Martin and The Debating Team.



Rambler: Gensheimer, Kuntz, Brunner, Kurtis, Flynn, Fr. Sperry, Murray, Chisholm, Palmisano, Hagerty, Friedrichs.  
Seated: Becker, Poorman, Scibetta.

Debators: D'Renz, Miller, Francis, Fr. Martin, Becker Ruland, Runser, Manning.

Student Council: Orr, Winschel, Speice, White, Carideo, Becker, Minton, Mancini.

Seated: Scibetta, Murray, Colvin, Sullivan, Palmisano.

Prep's Faculty and Student Body think *Father Sperry's "Rambler"* is one of finest high school monthlies in the country. It is edited each year by the Junior Class under Fr. Sperry's direction . . .

Fr. Fitzgerald (who missed the picture) is Moderator of the *Student Council* which expresses the student point of view . . . This year for the first time a *Debating Club* was organized under Fr.

Martin and debates were held with Mercyhurst Seminary and Academy High School.

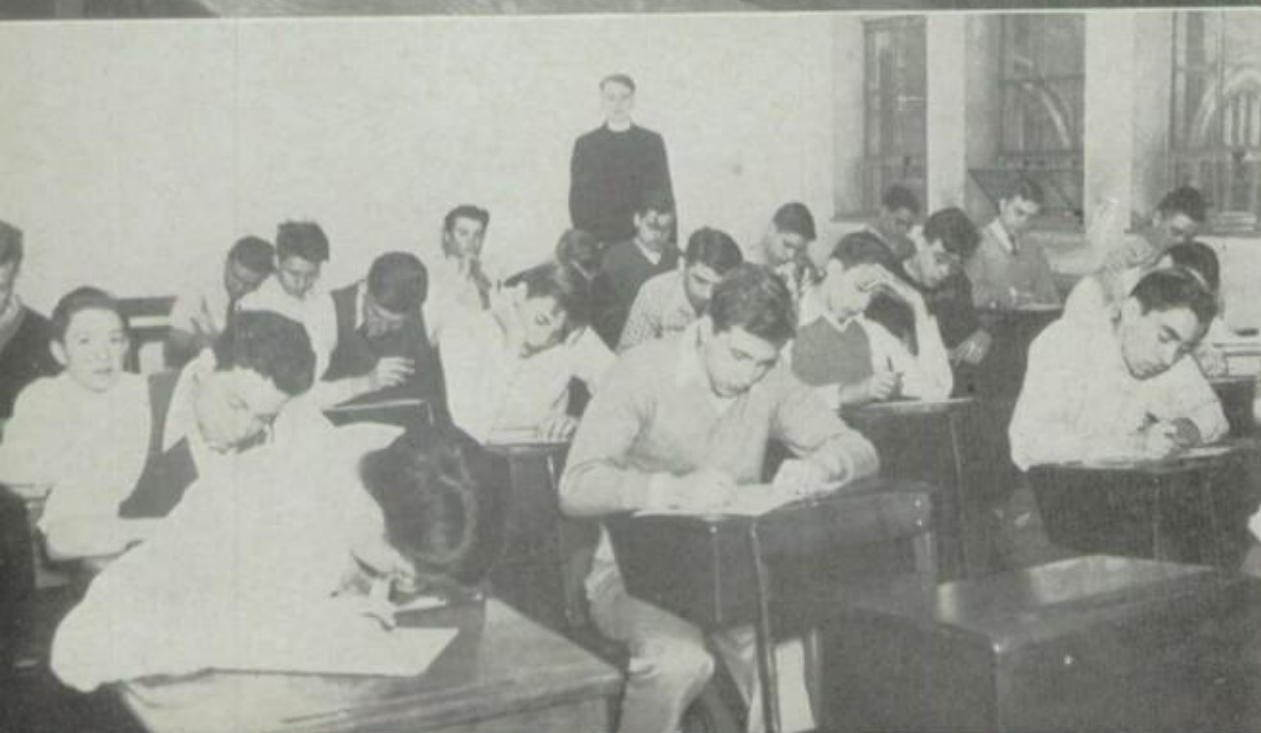


*St. Mark's Seminary* is the residence house for Prep boys who are studying for the Priesthood. Its Spiritual Director is *Father Fitzgerald* and the students under him come from all sections of the Diocese. *Mr. Victor Marietta* is Prep's professor of music and although he has been with us less than a year he has already organized an excellent Glee Club and a Band of which everyone is already proud.



Above Left—Bishop Gannon, F. Fitzgerald and the boys at St. Mark's. Above Mr. Victor Marietta and the Glee Club. Left—The New Prep Band—Mr. Marietta directing.





Here is *Sr. Miriam* who  
struggles with the Freshmen  
in English and Latin . . .  
And *Father Kaltenback's*  
*Sophomores in Latin* pre-  
tending they're interested in  
those books! . . . *Sr. Aloysia*  
conducting an informal French  
class — just for the photo-  
grapher! *Father Daniszew-  
ski's Junior English Boys*  
really work! . . .



*Father Cushman* has this group of Seniors in American History . . . Something for the record! . . . A really quiet study hall! . . . *Father Enright* should take a bow! . . . The Juniors take Religion from *Father Wiler* . . . and they don't seem too serious about it either! . . . Another study Hall . . . with *Sr. Ann Jean* almost hidden among her boys . . .





## *Just A Dream*

I had a dream the other night,  
A dream quite heaven-blessed,  
It seemed to me that in my dream,  
I'd passed my Latin test!

While deep in sleep that happy night,  
My thoughts did plan and scheme,  
I ranked above my whole Prep class!  
Ah! What a pleasant dream!

And to the Bishop I did walk,  
To get my prize a book,  
While all the fellows cheered and cheered,—  
Even teachers took a look!

Then to my seat I proudly strolled,  
The hero of the day!  
The guys all said "Boy! What a brain!"  
Gee! Was I carefree and gay!

I had no dream the other morn,  
And 'twas a nightmare too!  
Report card time had proved to me  
All dreams don't quite come true.

Neil Eisert '48





J.F.  
**FRESHMEN**



## *The Tale of the Forty-Niners*

**W**E "FORTY-NINERS" are just completing (at least we hope) the first quarter of our journey toward our gold mine. We all remember that certain beautiful September day when we came to Prep for the first time. How timid we were! The upperclassmen looked us over from tip to toe and we knew that great things were being planned. The next few days' activities revealed the cause of the Sophomores' scrutiny. After the initiation which consisted of lipstick and shoe polish, the going became a little easier and real school life at Prep began.

We had our first free day in October. We had planned in advance what to do on our first free day in high school. When the football season began, a group of Freshmen contributed their talents to the J. V. and did so well that they earned themselves a letter.

Class elections were held and resulted in the election of Donald W. Hoffman as President, Art Hilinski as Vice-President, Jim O'Brien as Secretary, and Jim Travers as Treasurer.

We Freshmen have learned to look forward to Quarter Sessions and all they bring. However, we soon learned that what precedes these free afternoons is not too pleasant. For the benefit of the incoming Freshmen, we'd like to let you in on a little secret—the mail-man helps out in this matter!

All during December we expected a heavy snow storm like last year, to give us a few holidays. Unfortunately, Mother Nature fooled us, so we patiently awaited the Christmas vacation. Examinations followed our pleasant free days and—oh me! oh my!—how many of us wished we had exerted ourselves a little more!

When the band made its first appearance, the day before the great game between North Catholic High, Pittsburgh, and Prep, we recognized many of the crowd among its members. How proud we were of our great basketball squad. Though defeated, they went down fighting hard. A short time after that, a Sax trio gave us a real treat at our Quarter Sessions. Two of the trio were Freshmen.

We soon discovered that along with all the other things Freshmen did, many could sing—so off to the Glee Club they went and surprised us with a dandy selection at the Third Quarter Session.

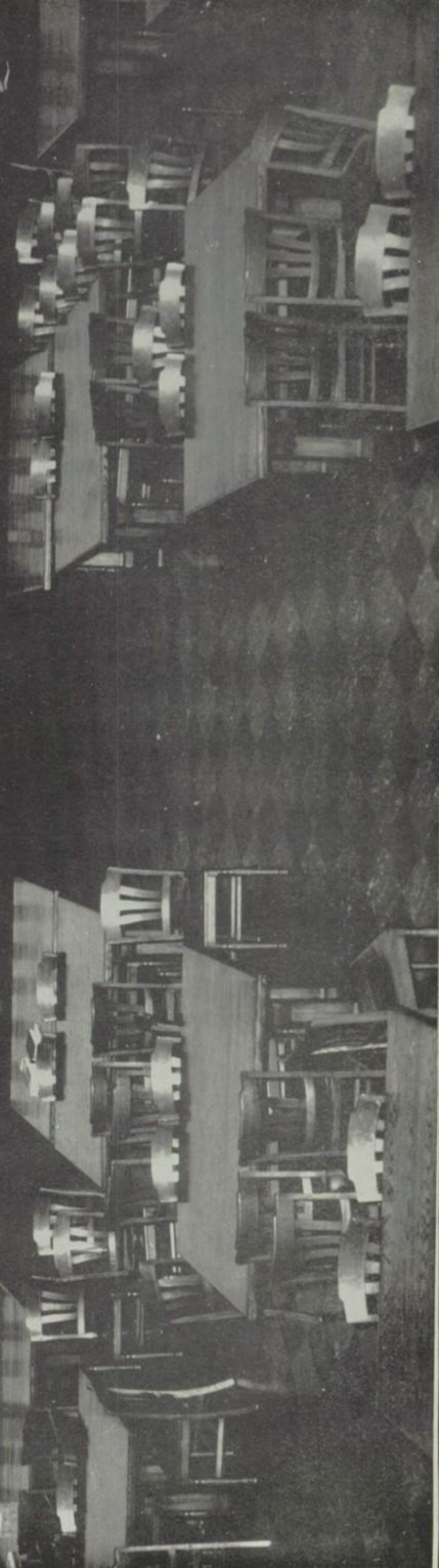
Now that the year is drawing to a close, we are looking forward to the day when we can call ourselves "dignified" Sophomores and then woe to the Freshmen!

Until then—"So long"—

*Donald Hoffman, '49*  
*Class President*



*Youngsters of '49*





## *High School Memories*

A GROUP of bewildered boys gathered in a large but unimpressive room beneath Saint Peter's Cathedral in September, nineteen forty-two. It was a day of primary importance for it saw the beginning of a period in our lives. It was to provide us with new experiences, new friends, and a host of memories to meditate upon now that we are about to leave the spacious halls of Prep.

Unforgettable is that first meeting with Father Miller, Headmaster, who endeared himself to us at once; happy times with Mike Mead and Roger Murphy reciting Poe's "Raven" for Father Watson's enjoyment; the eruptions in the study hall at the exit of its prefect of discipline; the good-natured prodding of the upper-classmen; quarter sessions with His Excellency, contented among his boys and benignly bestowing his awards among the more zealous ones.

A feeling of confidence filled us as we took our places as sophomores the following year. The joys we experienced as we gazed upon the beginnings of the new school; the plans we made for our last years in that newly completed edifice; these, our treasures, we carry with us as we go.

Many times in the future we shall recall, a little longingly, perhaps, our Friday morning Masses and talks by our beloved Bishop so enjoyed by all; the day we transferred our books and studies to the beautiful new Prep; our successful Junior Prom and the more glorious Senior Prom; the days of electrical mishaps in the Physics Laboratory; stormy Religion classes with Father Watson desperately seeking to penetrate the barriers of our minds; leaving early on Thursdays, a privilege appreciated by all; library periods so conducive to the study of the Saturday Evening Post and other late periodicals; table talks at lunch in the cafeteria concerning the dates of the Rambler's issues and the latest school news and gossip; the comradeship and good feeling among the boys; the great thrills we enjoyed when victory smiled upon us and the sadness we experienced at defeat, yet always looking for the ray of hope for that next game or event.

Yes, all this shall we carry away—memories—prized possessions of our happiest and most carefree days. They will be a comfort and a source of joy at some future time when days may not be bright, hope not so strong—our inspiration to greater efforts and attainments.

Ronald Mullaney '46





SPORTS



## *Father Hastings Leaves Prep*

**T**HE appointment of the Rev. William R. Hastings, Director of Youth Activities in the Diocese of Erie and Athletic Director at Prep, to the position of Superintendent of Harborcreek Training School for Boys was announced by Bishop Gannon just as the present school year was drawing to a close. Father Hastings has been at Prep for the past four years, serving both as teacher and as head of the Athletic Department. Students past and present learned with sincere regret that he was leaving us. Quiet, calm, even tempered, never ruffled or excited, Father Hastings won and held the respect and affection of Prep boys who saw in him an understanding and approachable priest whose first concern in his work was their welfare. During his tenure in office Prep's athletic and sports program expanded in keeping with its expanded facilities; and together with basketball and football, Prep teams entered competition in swimming, water polo, tennis, golf and track.

At Harborcreek Training School where upwards of one hundred boys are in residence, Father Hastings takes charge of one of the important institutions of the diocese and in addition becomes pastor of the neighboring parish of Our Lady of Mercy. As he leaves us, faculty and students wish him success and happiness in his new work and cherish the hope that he will always keep a warm spot in his heart for those he knew at Prep.



Father Hastings

## *Father Gannon*



Father Gannon

**T**O CONTINUE Father Hastings' work, the Bishop has named Rev. James J. Gannon Athletic Director at Prep and Diocesan Youth Activities Director. Father Gannon is an old timer around our school having graduated from Prep in the class of 1930. In preparation for the Priesthood he spent three years of study at the North American College in Rome, returning to America in 1939 because of war conditions. He completed his studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington and was ordained on Ascension Thursday, 1942, by Bishop Gannon at the annual Vocation Day ceremonies in St. Peter's Cathedral. After serving as assistant at Sacred Heart Parish in Sharon until October, 1943, Father Gannon enlisted as a chaplain in the Marines and was stationed in the islands of the South Pacific until his release in April of this year. Father Gannon brings to his new work an enthusiastic and long standing interest in sports of all kinds. A football man while a student at Prep he has kept his finger on Prep's athletic pulse ever since and he shares the ambition of every loyal alumnus to see his alma mater rank high in competitive sports in Erie.



# Basketball

**A**FTER THE FINAL GAME of the 1944-1945 basketball season had been played, the majority of Prep enthusiasts began to wonder about Prep's prospective 1945-1946 cage season, its players, and their chances of putting out a good team. Things looked bad, because Prep was losing three valuable seniors via graduation. "Let's just wait and see" was the comment of most people at that time.

They waited, and they saw. What they saw is told only in records and in results. With but three seasoned lettermen, Coach Sam Yezerksi, was to build a strong representative team; to do this he had to call on Junior Varsity graduates as a means of bringing together at least ten fellows who could work as a unit and who had the will to win for Prep. It took time, mistakes were made, surely. Often the public became disheartened at the performances staged by our courtsters. But more often, you and the fellow next to you were very proud of your Ramblers, a group of young fellows giving everything to better themselves, their school, and their basketball record.

The team became known as the "defense kids" as a result of rationing points to the opposition. Six straight victories! What in the world has Prep got this year? Then came a defeat at the hands of Vincent whose capable squad "jinxed" them the whole year through. Another two or three wins with a mixture of a loss or two and Prep found itself out of third place by Vincent again! Our cage season was just about completed as 13 victories and 8 defeats were registered into our record books with "successful season" written after them. Then we entered the Catholic State tournament play. It was a miraculous shot that gave us a 33-32 victory over Johnstown Catholic High. The following Thursday at East, North Catholic of Pittsburgh encountered us; and what a game! After Prep had staged a story-book fourth quarter drive to overcome a 12 point deficit, a spectacular shot by North swished through the nets in the last minute of play to give them a 34-33 victory.

Charles Colvin '46  
Captain



Jayvees: First row—Harabedian, DiPlacido, Hilinski, Luteran, Nardo. Second row—Fessler, O'Brien, Flanagan, Filipowski, Brendle, Lynch. Third row—Coach Sox Harrison, Mauro, Manucci, D'Renz, Abbate, Mgr. Hafey.





Varsity: Back row—Carideo, Laird, White, Hyziewicz, Genck, Esser. Front row—Trombetta, Fuhrman, Capt. Colvin, Murosky, Ferretti.

## Coach "Sam" Yezeriski

**W**HEN OUR "never-say-die" Basketeers began every game of this season, there was always a tall, black, curly-haired handsome young man dressed in a blue striped suit sitting on the bench with his substitutes. His furrowed forehead is not caused by lack of sleep; he got those wrinkles from worrying about his players; by sweating through each game, minute by minute; by constantly driving his players on the practice court; by unceasingly worrying about "the game tonight."

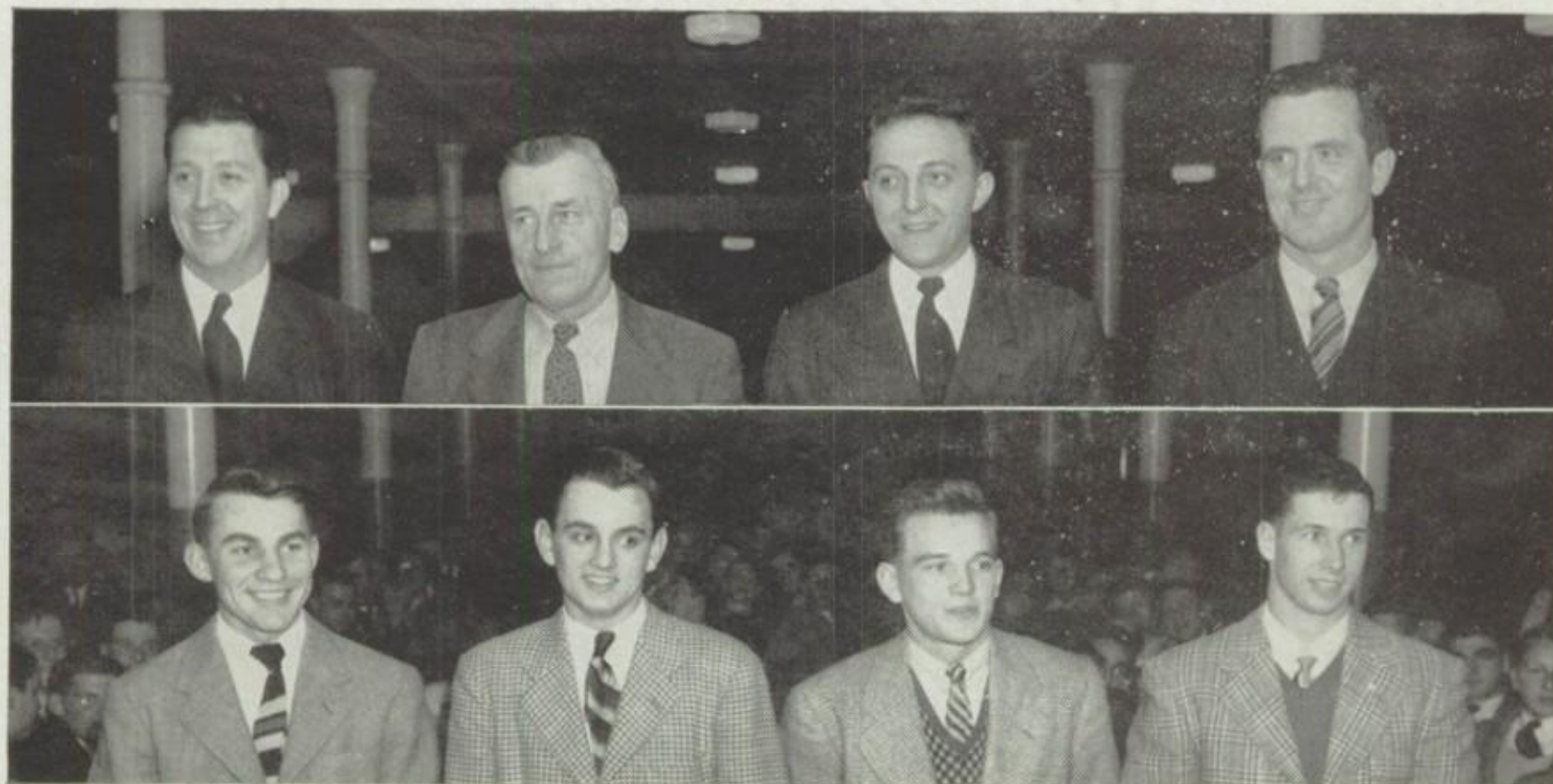
We call him Sam. We like Sam, because of his thorough knowledge of the "dribble and dart" game. He teaches us the fundamentals of this grueling sport called basketball; and without those basic principles, we have often wondered just what we would look like with a basketball in our hands! Sam knows basketball as a result of playing and studying it at Notre Dame University where he took his Physical Education Degree. Above all, he has had the will and ambition to bring home a winner—a team of which Prep fans can well be proud.



Sam enjoys the respect and admiration of his squads as an experienced and capable mentor who has made Prep a quintet to be reckoned with in regional basketball circles. Lots of Luck and success Sam!

Charles Colvin—Captain '45-'46





Coaches: "Sam" Yezerski, Basketball; "Sox" Harrison, Football; "Hank" Robasky, Swimming; "Ted" Sowle, Track.

Captains: Basketball: "Chuck" Coluin '46; Jim White '47. Football: John Januleski '47; Jim Minton '46.

In April *Ted Sowle* came to Prep from Catholic Central in Grand Rapids Michigan, to inaugurate Prep's Track program and prepare the boys for the '46 Football season.



Fr. Hastings Greets Ted Sowle





### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Back row—Palmisano, Mgr.; Anthony, Sullivan, Orr, Gorski, Adamus, Hyziewicz, Borczon, Ashworth, Coach Harrison.; Second row—Schemeck, Schroeck, Colvin, Januleski, Fuhrman, Romeo, Tullio. Third Row—Gross, Harabedian, Boehm, Scibetta, Heubel, Andrychowski, Wingerter, Mendes. Front row—Brabender, Earley, Hagle, Capt. Minton, Droney, Mancini, Esser, Rys.

## Football Season 1945

A GROUP of high-spirited "all-out fellows" started the pigskin rolling during the closing weeks of August at Edinboro Teachers' College under the supervision of Prep's Physical Director, Regis 'Sox' Harrison. It was the beginning of the '45 season, and every player was determined to win a position on the fighting eleven and to be a real part of the Prep team. They were determined to break the streak of defeats encountered in previous seasons, and to make their presence felt by the major teams of the city.

The squad worked hard during those hot weeks, displaying the true spirit of fight and determination which contribute so much to the morale of any team. This group of Ramblers got their first and last taste of victory in the opening game against the North East combine in the stadium.

It was the first time for most of the team to play 'big time' football, but they soon got rid of the jitters and bore down upon their opponents for a lead. We pulled out for an 18-0 victory and the city was willing to recognize several fellows who were to do good work in subsequent games. But from here on another dark page in the city series book was written in respect to score. It was a victorious season otherwise. We grew to admire and respect the fellows next to us who gave everything they had until the final whistle. We learned to fight even though we were fighting a losing game and we came to know how a true Prepster values good sportsmanship.

During the season the team of '45 proved to be a real threat to every team in the city and before long they will be more than a threat but a combine bidding for championship honors. To me it has been a privilege and an honor to play on such a team, a team victorious regardless of score. Yes, we bowed to all the teams in the city but we are determined to write now new pages in the city series book. Good luck to the team of '46—and better days!

James Minton  
Captain '45.





Sox Harrison

## Regis "Sox" Harrison

A MAN who has great and unlimited ability in working with boys, is insistent on calisthenics and strenuous exercise, persists in cultivating in his fellows a never-give-up attitude, encourages and works for good sportsmanship and clean play, is our coach and good friend, Regis (Sox) Harrison.

Sox, as we all know him, came to Prep a little over a year ago and began putting the gym classes through rigid training which was exemplified by a decided change in the physical development of the students after a short period of time. Not only did Sox have the task of gymnastic instruction, which is a big job in itself, but he was also confronted with the tremendous task of developing the Prep combine for the '45 season. This was a grave task which meant a great deal of hard work on his part, as well as on that of the players.

It must have been a little disheartening or slightly disappointing when he met the fellows at the first football meeting to find that he was lacking the one thing that can make a team triumphant, and so often causes a team to come out on the short end. This one major deficit was lack of weight with which to develop a strong forward wall. But, as in the past years, the fellows made up for this lack with that everlasting Prep spirit.

Sox trained the team for the first two weeks of the season at Edinboro State Teachers' College, which can rightfully be called his home. It was here that the players realized that Sox is a great worker, who was determined to turn out a smooth working outfit, and that spelled plenty of hard work for him. It meant that there could be no fooling around on their part if they were to develop that "do-or-die" attitude and idea of clean sportsmanship, which always makes a team a winner—regardless of the score.

James Minton '46.



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Third Row: Goodill, Mgr., Messmer, Stanton, Hermann, Hoffman, Flanagan, Captain Hilinski, Guelcher, Zeigler, Mascharka, Glowacki, Quirk, Coach Yezerski.

Back Row: Brown, Kranz, Genck, Geiger, McNulty, Hansen.





*Sam Yezerski* coached

Prep's first baseball team in the summer of 1945. Front

Row—Trombetta, Harabedian, Orr, Fuhrman, Rett-

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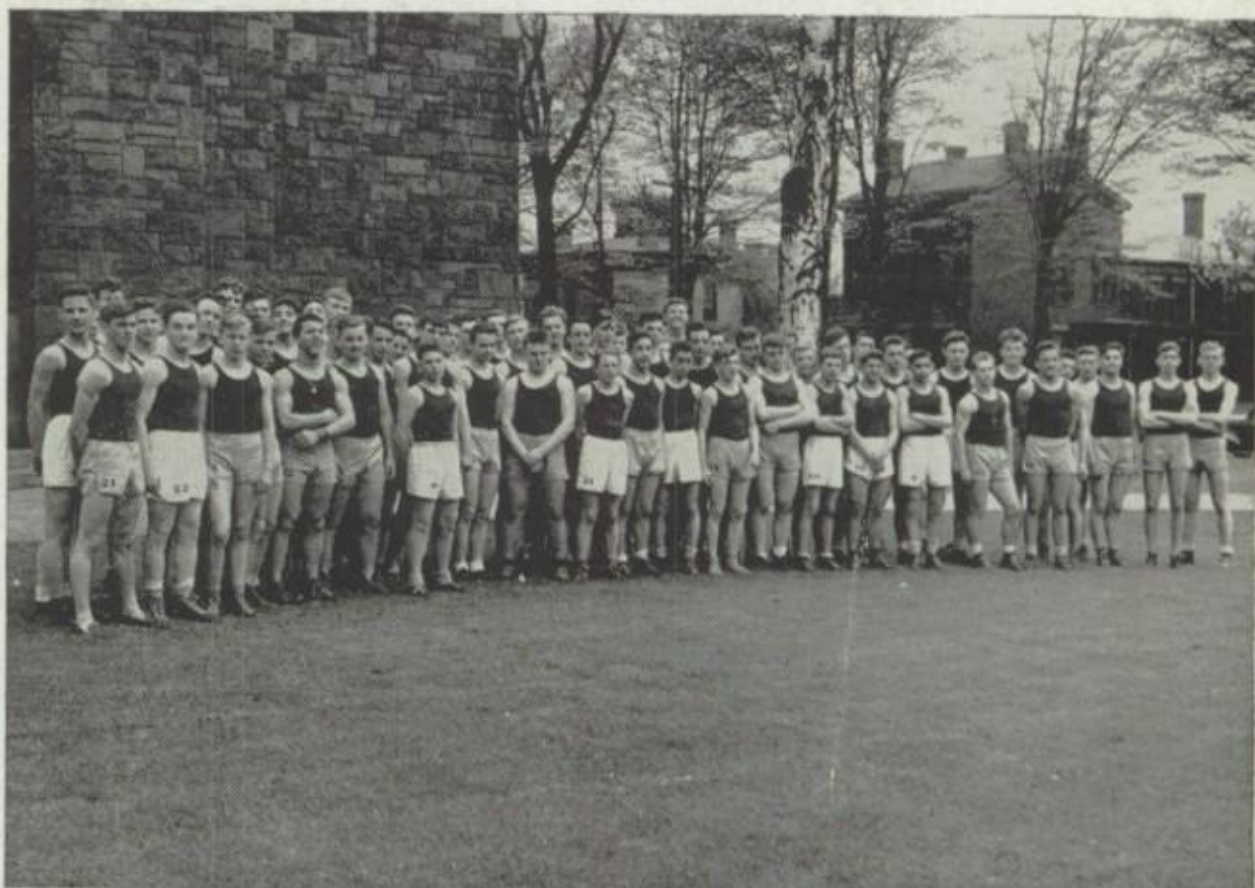
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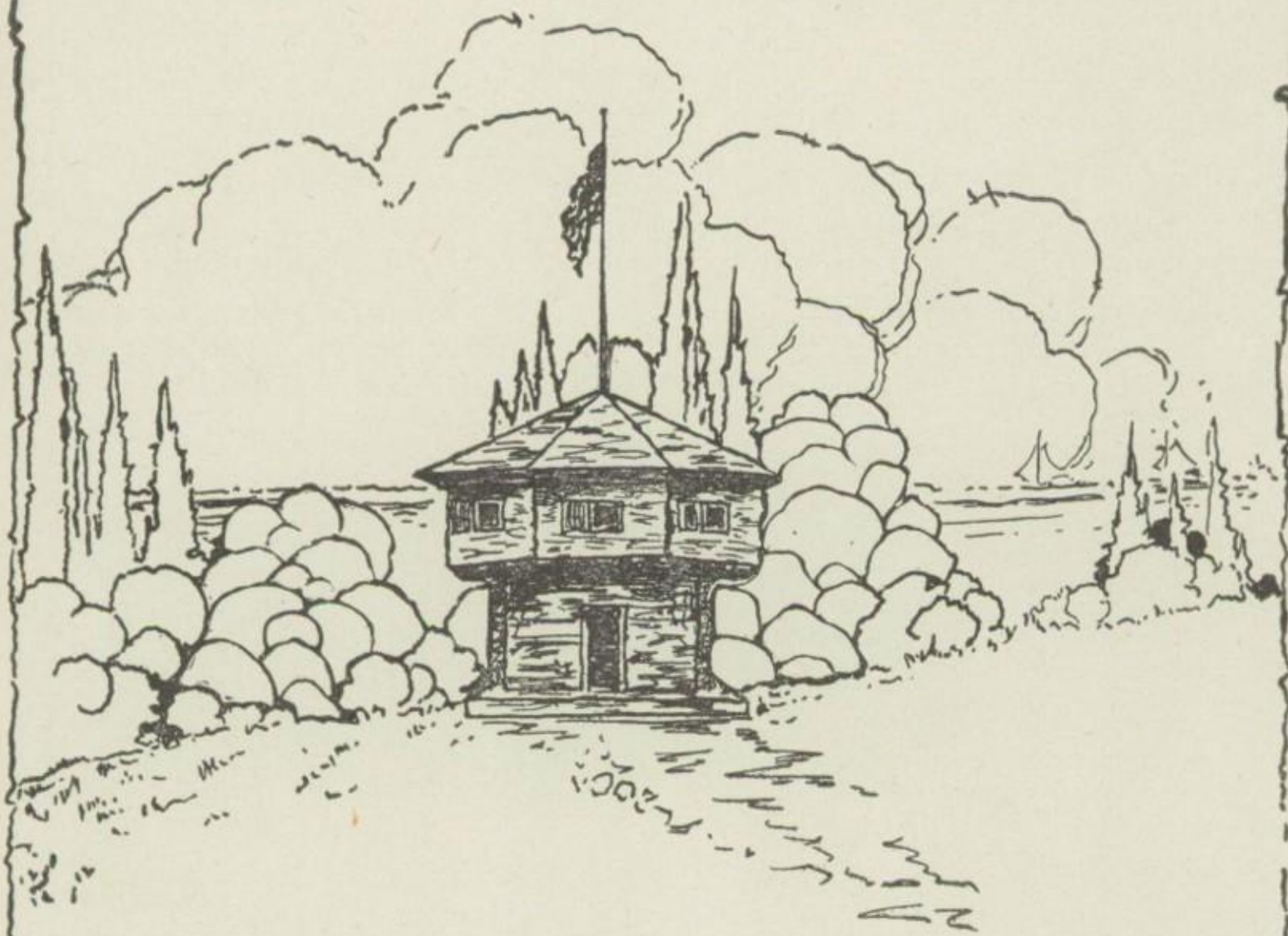
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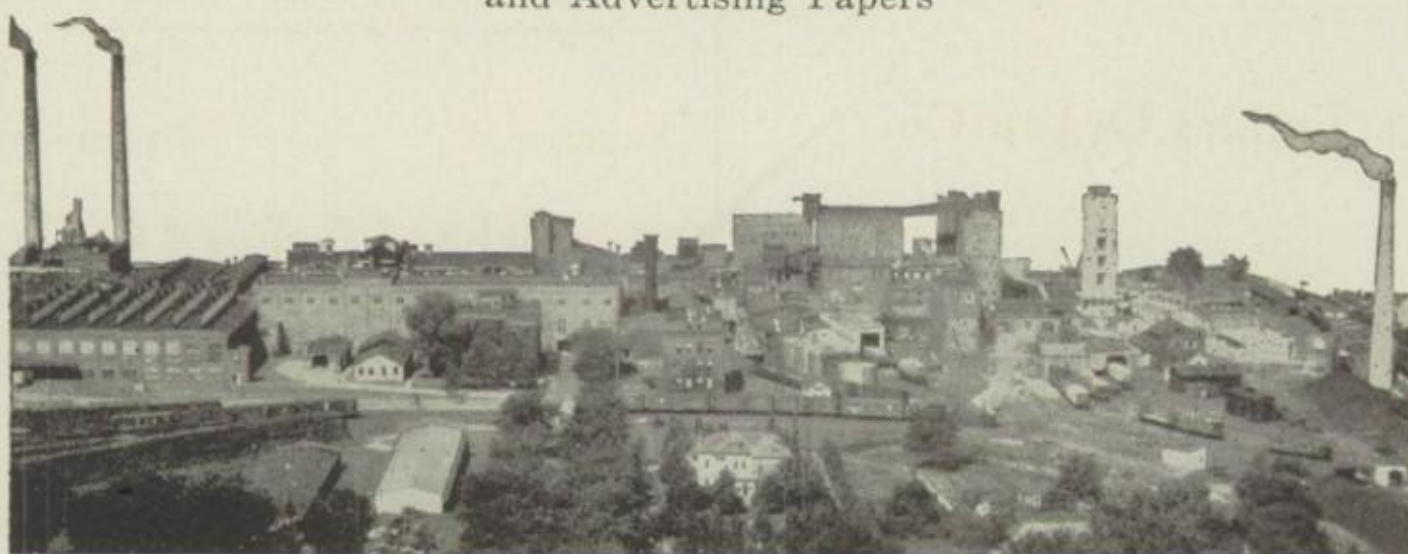
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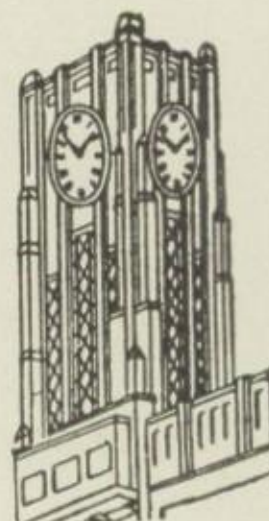
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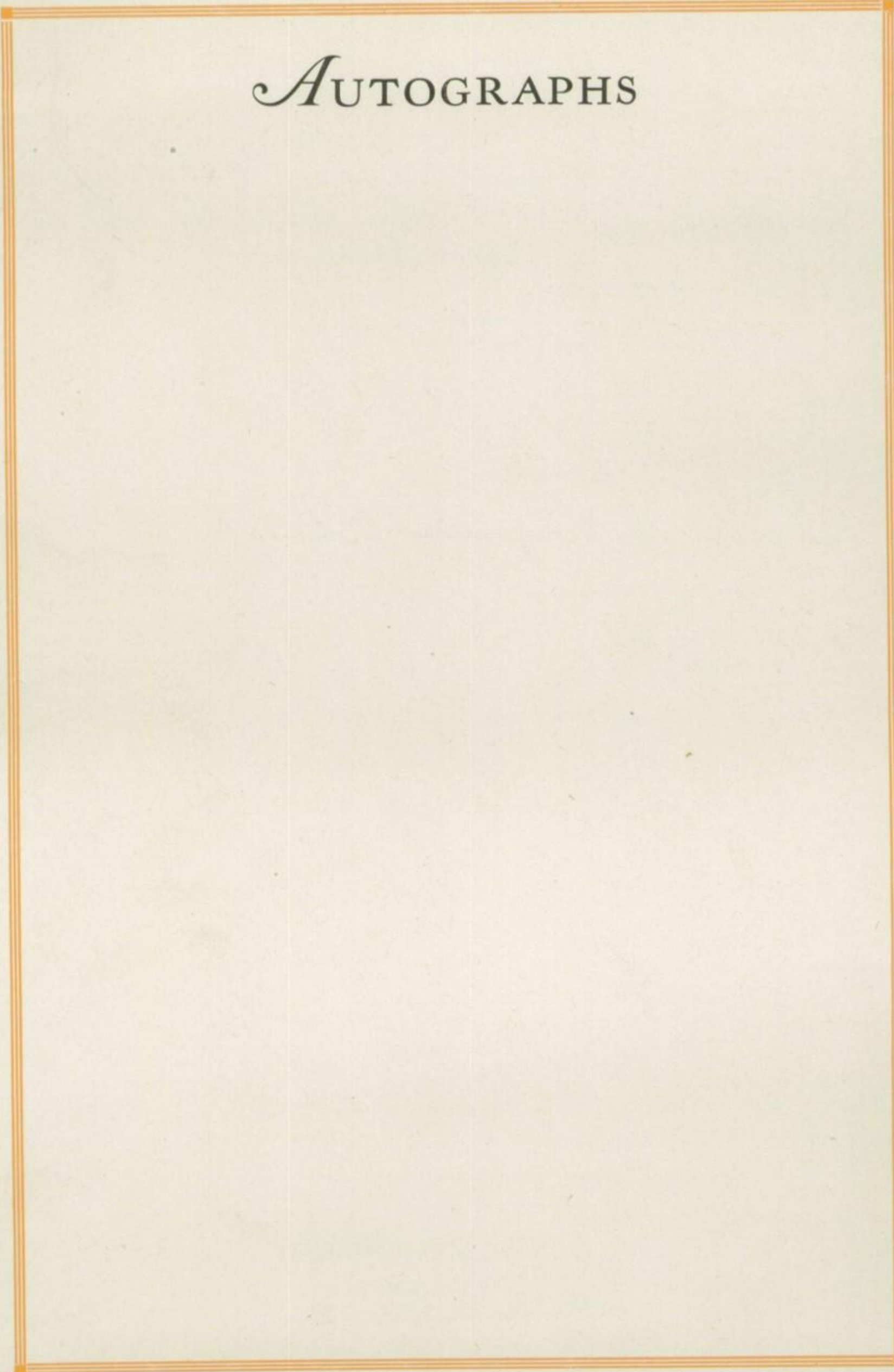
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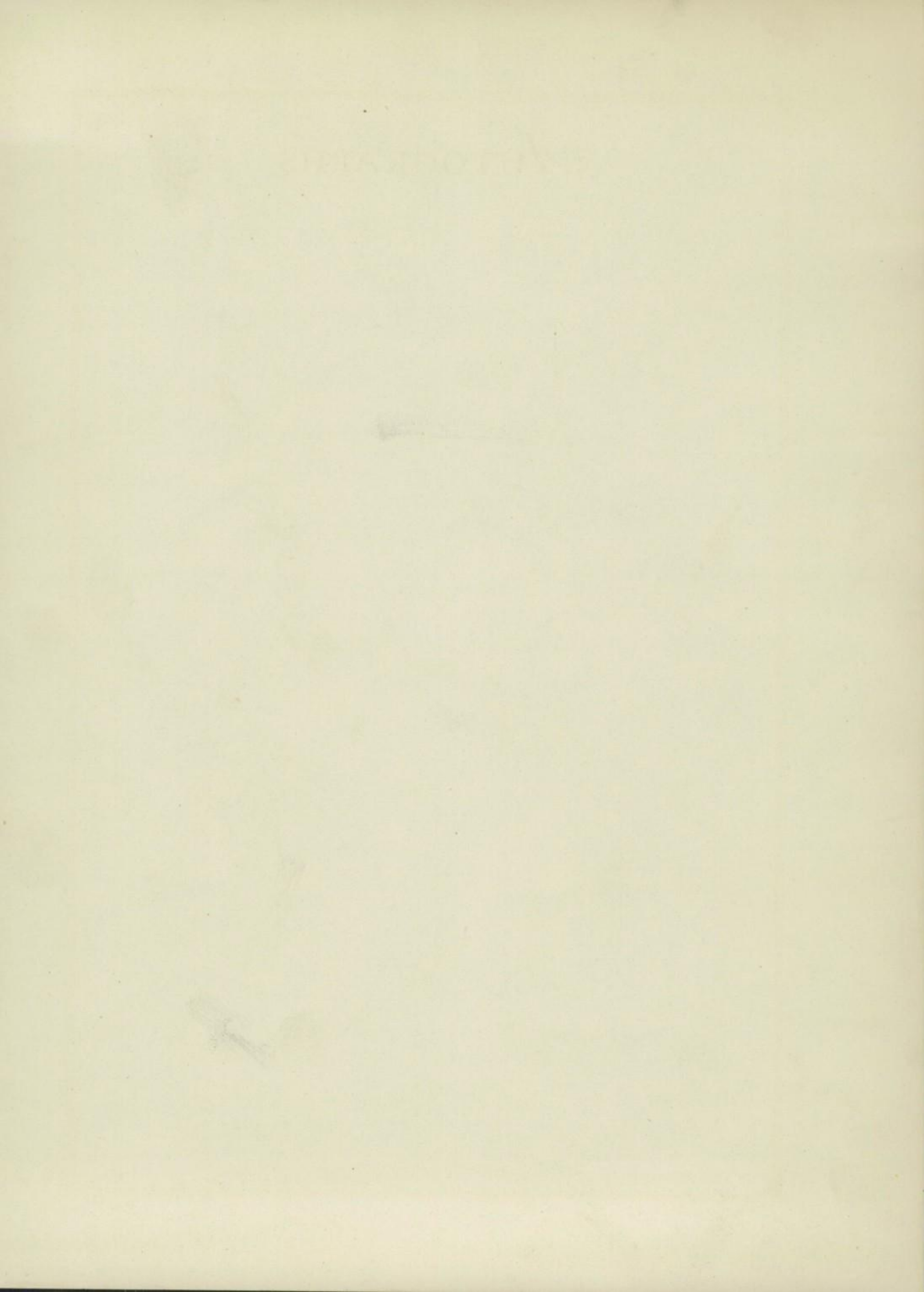
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